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Jewish Coinage

By Barnett R. Brickner

I do not know how others may feel, but as for me, it thrills me to learn that, after more than eighteen hundred years, Jewish coins are again to be struck off. Nothing gives me a greater sense of the reality of our dreams for the restoration of Jewish nationhood than this fact. We are again taking our rightful place as a nation among the nations of the world. I had a similar feeling of exhilaration when I received a letter from a friend in Palestine shortly after Allenby's victory, bearing a stamp that carried a Hebrew inscription. These are all the tangible signs that Zionism has passed from the realm of theory into the domain of reality.

A joint meeting of two commissions recently appointed by the Palestine Government—one representing the Palestine Jews, the other representing the Palestine Arabs—for the purpose of choosing a name for the contemplated new currency for Palestine, met recently and agreed that the monetary unit of the new Palestine shall be called the dinar and the shekel. Thus the names of two coins, famous in biblical and post-biblical literature, will be revived for the modern world. It is a curious coincidence that the new monetary unit of the new Jugo-Slavia has also been called the dinar. It has, however, only one twenty-fifth of the value assigned to the new Palestine unit.

The dinar is to be equal to one English pound. This is a most sensible and commendable decision which will be greatly appreciated by all tourists. Besides it will tend to simplify the stabilization of the currency and thus greatly simplify the matter of currency exchange.

The commission further decided that a coin representing one-tenth of the dinar will be named "shekel" in Hebrew and "miskal" in Arabic; one-twentieth of the dinar will be called "chatzi-ha'shekel" in Hebrew, and "half-miskal" in Arabic; one-fortieth of the dinar will be named "darkman" in Hebrew and "dirhem" in Arabic; one-thousandth of a dinar will be named "prutah" in Hebrew and "salf" in Arabic.

To those of us familiar with Biblical and Talmudic monetary references, the names of the new Palestine currency come back like old friends. The last Jewish coins we have or 1891 years ago. Do you wonder, then, why it is so refreshing to have Jewish coins again?

The study of Jewish coinage, strictly speaking, begins with the Maccabaean period — in the second pre-Christian century. This is not strange since the invention of coined money, which is ascribed to the king of Lydia, is not earlier, by more than a century, if so much; than the fall of the kingdom of Judah in 587 B.C.E. In the interim the new invention had not spread even to Phœnicia, much less to the interior of Asia. I take it on the authority of no less a scholar than the late Theodore Reinach that no credence whatever can be placed in the late Jewish stories which ascribe coins to Abraham, Joshua, David or Mordecai (see Beresith Rabah xxxix; B.K. 97a). Such passages of Scripture as seem to point to the use of coined money during that period are either interpolated or of later date. A notable instance of such an anachronism occurs in I, Chronicles xxxix: 7, where among the offerings of the chiefs of Israel, in the time of King David, are mentioned 10,000 gold "adarkonim" or darics, which is the forefather of the new coin to be called darkman (I hope nothing hidden or suspicious is involved). These coins were not struck off before the time of King Darius, i.e., more than 400 years after David.

As far back as the history of Israel can be traced, money was known in terms of weight. Gold and silver were used as the standards of value and mediums of exchange and, as the Egyptian tribute lists show, they were thus employed in Canaan even before the Israelites inhabited it. When the Israelites conquered and settled Canaan, they merely adopted the mediums of exchange which they found in use among the conquered people. The general use of the word "kesef," meaning silver to designate money, shows that silver was the prevailing medium of exchange. Up to the time of the Exile and even later, the metals were not coined, but were weighed. Scales and weights were carried about with the precious metal in a bag attached to the girdle. The biblical story of Abraham's purchase of the Machpelah illustrates how this was done. An adulteration or debasement of the value of the precious metals by means of certain alloys seems not to have occurred; at least the practice was not given any thought, and the Bible gives warnings only against false measures and weights. Egyptian documents further show that for purposes of money it was quite usual also to cast metals into rings or into bars of certain definite shapes in order to obviate the necessity of weighing them at each monetary transaction. The system of weights was most likely Babylonian in origin, though some maintain that the pre-exilic Israelitish monetary system was based on the Phœnician scale. The system of weights was the sexagesimal system, which the pre-Hebraic Canaanites had borrowed from Babylonia, along with the Babylonic script. The three units of this system were the "kikar" or talent, the "maneh" or mina, and the "shekel" or siclus. The weight of a shekel, according to the Babylonian system was about 16.80 grams (260 grains). After the Babylonian captivity, the state of weights was slightly modified, in accordance with a new system in common use among various nations (Greek, Persian, Phœnician). This system was a combination of the sexagesimal (Babylonian) and the decimal (Egyptian) systems. In order to insure uniformity throughout the community, a set of standard weights was deposited in the Temple at Jerusalem, a practice of frequent occurrence in classical times. This is the so-called "holy shekel" (Exodus xxx: 23).

By the time of Ezra and Nehemiah in the fifth pre-Christian century, the use of coined money, which had become widely spread in Western Asia, was also not unknown in Judaea. But the Jews were then under Persian suzerainty, even as they are to-day in Palestine under British mandate rule. The coins they used, therefore, were Persian. In 332 B.C.E. the Persian empire collapsed and Judaea became a Macedonian province, and the coins which now circulated in Judaea were Macedonian.

It was not until the Maccabaean rebellion and the establishment of the House of the Hasmonaeans that a change from foreign to Jewish coinage occurred.

In the Book of Maccabees, xv: 6, occurs the significant reference to the beginning of Jewish coinage. "I give thee leave also to coin money for thy country with thine own stamp." These words are contained in a letter from "King Antiochus to Simeon, the high priest and prince of the nation." This right of independent coinage was welcomed by the Jews 2,000 years ago as a sign of political and national independence, even as we welcome it to-day as a mark of recognition to our nationhood.

Many specimens of the silver shekel and half-shekel of that coinage have come down to us. They bear the inscriptions "Shekel Yisrael" on one side and "Yerushalem ha-Kedoshah" on the obverse side.

The years following were troublous times for the Jews; civil war and strife were rife. The Jewish coins we have samples of are those struck off under John Hyrcanus (135-105 B.C.E.), Aristobulus I (105-104), Alexander Jannaeus (104-76), which bore Greek inscriptions as well as Hebrew, showing the trend

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Social

Miss Dora Kellnor, Elm Avenue, has left for New York, to visit her sister, Mrs. A. Applebaum.

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Miss Hattie Albert, Elm Avenue, who left for Boston, to attend the marriage of Miss Fannie Schlanger, is expected home this week.

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Miss Rose Solomon, Park Avenue, entertained at a formal house dance on January 31, in honour of Miss Alice Shaffer and Jack Becker, who are to be married shortly. Miss Rose Solomon, in a gown of green and gold, was assisted in receiving by her sister, who wore a gown of powder blue georgette over cherry silk with cherry red beads. Among those present were the Misses Bessie Covicy, in Alice blue georgette; Alice Shaffer, blue gown with clusters of forget-me-nots; Jennie Covicy, shaded georgette in coral tones; Polly Tarleman, in green georgette over gold; Eva Hoffman, green georgette; Rose Greenberg, red georgette; Esther Segal, pink georgette with ostrich border; Mrs. Wm. Rivenowitz, maize georgette; Della Mendelson, pink and white georgette; Edie Victor, blue-beaded georgette; Lena Ashkaloney, French gown of sea green; Mrs. Anna Selick, of Toronto, French beaded gown; and Jack Becker, Dave Becker, Dave Notkin, A. Gross, Dr. Louis Notkin, Dr. Myer Notkin, Ben Freedman, of Johannesburg, South Africa; Harold Neumann, J. Birnbaum, Sam Solomon, Sollie Solomon, Joe Shattner, Pete Abromovitz, W. Rivenwitch, Myer Nadler, Willie Thompson, Harris Beecher Rabin, and Abe Weinstein.

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Mrs. Jack Sigman, Laurier Avenue West, entertained at bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. S. Shalinsky, Mrs. D. Livinson and Mrs. A. Adilman.

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Among those who were present at the Commercial and Technical High School dance, were Misses Jean Brazer, Toba Brazer, Betty Cohen, Leah Bergman, Rose Rosenstein, Eva Saul, Sadie Goldberg, Lea Silvensky, Fanny Silvensky, Kraffchick, Anne Seidman, Besse Moscovitz and Rose Davis; and M. Haller, Willie Cohen, Joe Abromovitz, Jack Bogart, Bennie Saul, Louis Davis, Oberfeld, Adler and Sam Gelfand.

The Graduate Society are entertaining at a skating party on February 14, for the members of the society.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Hausner, 31 Cote Ste Catherine Road, entertained informally on Saturday, January 31, in honour of the birthday of their daughter Clare. About twenty-five couples were present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tannenbaum, 2146 Esplanade Avenue, entertained in honour of the engagement of their sister, Miss Rose Tannenbaum, of Los Angeles, to Dr. Chas. Finkelstein. Dinner was served to the immediate family. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ciment, Mr. and Mrs. Finkelstein, Dr and Mrs. Ruby, Dr. M. Finkelstein, Mr. and Mrs. L. Goodman; Misses Ada Finkelstein, Estelle Finkelstein, Esther Finkelstein, Ciment; and Messrs. Nat Finkelstein, Henry Finkelstein, Nat W. Jacobs, Rev. Laxer, C. Garfunkle and Weintraub. Mrs. Finkelstein presented Miss Tannenbaum with an umbrella.

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Mrs. D. Rosenbaum, 9 Claremont Avenue, has just returned from a three weeks' sojourn in New York.

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Miss Mary Kussner has left to attend the Ottawa Ladies' College.

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Miss Sara Ellis, of Ottawa, who has been visiting with Miss Progosh has returned home.

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Miss Fanny Raicek entertained at bridge on Tuesday, January 27. Bridge was played at eight tables. The prizes were won by the Misses Roslyn Klein, Mona Erlick, Lillian Clemer, Rose Lang, Lillian Victor and Anna Blumenstein.

MONTREAL

The Montreal offices now occupy Suite 19, 288 St. James Street. All communications must reach this office not later than Monday noon of each week. Phone Main 4079.

Miss Mary Kussner was entertained at her home, 113 St. Joseph Boulevard West, on January 10, at a farewell party given by friends on her departure for Ottawa Ladies' College. She was presented with a travelling bag with shell fittings. M. Lilian made the presentation. About thirty guests were present.

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Nat Goldner has returned from St. Albans, U.S.A.

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Mrs. I. Mindel, 758 Stuart Avenue, entertained on Tuesday afternoon at five tables of bridge and a kitchen shower, in honour of Miss Edith Cohen, bride of next month. Prizes were won by the Mesdames Riser, Levy, Pearson, Joe Greenspan and Eliasoff.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Dick and family, 2378 Clarke Street, left to spend the winter in Los Angeles. They will stop at Chicago for a week.

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Miss Belle Rutenberg, Prud'homme Avenue, N.D.G., entertained at bridge Thursday evening in honour of her cousin, Miss Zella Mendelson, of Lewiston, Me., and sister, Mrs. Jack Ellenstein, of Detroit, Mich.

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Miss Pena Feldman, Prince Arthur West, entertained at four tables of bridge on January 24, in honour of Mrs. Herman Kluger, of Toronto. Prizes were won by Mesdames Kluger and Rosenthal and Misses Cooper, Nadler and Cohen.

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Miss Sylvia Neumann, Cote St. Antoine Road, entertained at a tea on January 29, on her birthday. Among those present were Misses Ethel Shapiro, Edythe Kaufman, Evelyn Kaufman, Helen Redlich, Elaine Neumann, Sarah Rothschild and Henrietta Medine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Presner, Sherbrooke Street West, entertained at a coming-out dance at the Mount Royal Hotel on Tuesday, January 27, in honour of their daughter, Violet, and their niece, Rita Druxerman, of Winnipeg.

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The University Chapter of Hadassah was at home, February 1, at the tea-hour. Palestinian art objects and rugs decorated the Zionist Building. Sweets and fruits from Palestine were served. The guests were received by the president, Miss Bertha Myers, assisted by the members.

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Miss Sarah Levitt entertained on Sunday, February 1, at the tea-hour, in honour of Miss Irene Shane, of Boston, who is her guest.

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Charles C. Hershon, who, for the past month has been on a vacation to Palm Beach and Miami, Florida, has returned to Montreal.

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Mrs. Diamond, Vendome Avenue, entertained at a masquerade party, January 31, in honour of her daughter, Teene.

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Miss Millie Isenberg, 5665 Park Avenue, entertained at an English party, in honour of her brother, George. Mrs. S. Isenberg assisted. Among those present were Misses Gertrude Boggin, Essie Berson, Anne Frank, Bertha Garmaise, Lily Garmaise, Anne Garmaise, Lily Joseph, Hilda Goldfarb, Ada Michaels, and Fred Haller, P. Bernstein, C. Chayman, Ben Michaels, Ben Abrams, F. Isenberg and I. Michaels. The spot waltz prizes were won by Miss Anne Frank and Ben Abrams, and the musical chairs prizes were won by Miss Lily Garmaise and Ben Abrams.

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Mrs. M. Godel, Park Avenue, entertained at two tables of bridge, on Tuesday evening, January 27. Prizes were won by Mrs. S. Slabosky and Miss Bessie Miller.

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Mrs. Maurice Pedvis, Park Avenue, entertained at bridge and linen shower, on Sunday, January 25, in honour of Miss Jean Pedvis, a bride of this month. The tea table was decorated with cut flowers and doll miniatures of bride and groom. Those who assisted in serving were Misses Anne and Eva Pedvis, Bessie Miller, Lillian Schwartz and Mrs. S. Vendor. Bridge was played at five tables, and the prize-winners were Mesdames M. Slabosky, J. Kert, M. Miller, Misses Ruth Wolfe, of New York, and Miss Esther Slabosky.

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Miss Besse Miller entertained at a personal shower in honour of Miss Jean Pedvis, a bride of this month, and at bridge in honour of Miss Ruth Wolfe, of New York, on Wednesday, January 28. Bridge was played at five tables, and the prize-winners were Misses Alice Strassberg, Lillian Schwartz, Sara Levitt, Mesdames J. Josefo and J. Rudnor. Miss Ruth Wolfe received the guest prize. The bride-elect was presented with a set of hand-painted silk crepe lingerie.

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Mrs. M. Godel, Park Avenue, entertained at bridge on Wednesday evening, January 21. Bridge was played at five tables, and the prize-winners were Mesdames M. Pedvis, M. Miller, J. Gross and Misses Esther Segal and Moe Segal.

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The Cara Noma Circle entertained in honour of Miss Ethel Wener, a February bride, at a kitchen shower, on Sunday, February 1. About thirty-five guests were present.

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Mrs. Sam Bronfman, Roslyn Avenue, entertained at a dinner of fourteen covers, February 1, in honour of Mesdames H. L. Druxerman and S. Rosner, of Winnipeg.

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Mrs. M. Tomarkin, Esplanade Avenue, entertained twelve couples at a surprise party, in honour of Miss Ethel Wener and Saul Tomarkin, who are to be married on February 8.

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Mrs. A. Huffman, Atwater Avenue, entertained on Thursday, February 5, at a theatre party, in honour of Mesdames H. L. Druxerman and S. Rosner, of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Wysanski, of Boston, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Workman, Grey Avenue.

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Max Rothschild is spending several weeks in Detroit.

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Benn Frankel, Strathcona Avenue, has gone to Toronto for several weeks.

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Mrs. M. Margolich, Roslyn Avenue, has returned from New York and Atlantic City.

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Mrs. Chas. Albert, Mt. Stephen Avenue, who was in Boston for a month, has returned to town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Julius Block (nee Dorothy Kellert) have returned from their honeymoon in Bermuda.

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Miss Jennie Block, Columbia Avenue, entertained at a formal evening of bridge on Tuesday, February 2.

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Mrs. S. Echenberg, of Sherbrooke, is expected in town.

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Misses Sophie and Pearl Cohen, formerly of Quebec, entertained at a crystal shower on February 7, at the home of Mrs. Cohen, St. Denis Street, in honour of Miss Ida Endler, of Quebec, a bride of next month.

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Mrs. David Feldman, De l'Epee Avenue, entertained at bridge on February 1.

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Miss Ida Endler, of Quebec, is visiting in town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Park Avenue, were at home on January 20, their first wedding anniversary, to about twenty-four guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Rothbart, Hutchison Street, entertained at a family dinner on January 13, in honour of the thirteenth birthday of their daughter, Ruth. About twenty-two guests were present.

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Mrs. Louis Cohen, Montrose Avenue, who was visiting relatives and friends in Brooklyn, N.Y., is expected home shortly.

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Misses Rose and Mildred Klein, Wiseman Avenue, entertained at a masquerade dance on January 31.

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Among those who entertained in honour of Miss Edythe Cohen, were the Mesdames I. Mindel, 769 Stewart Avenue, at a kitchen shower on Tuesday, January 27; and I. H. Eliasoph and J. L. Greenspan, joint hostesses at a personal shower, February 2.

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Miss Florence Agel, of Boston, who was the guest of Miss Gertie Cummings, Wilson Avenue, has returned home.

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Miss Marjorie Neumann, Cote St. Antoine Road, entertained at a birthday tea on January 31, in honour of Miss Libbie Miller. Among those present were Misses Laura Gittleson, Charlotte Goodkowsky, Rita Druxerman, and Violet Stern, of Winnipeg; Jeanne Louis, Evelyn Rudolph, Edith Ziff, Nettie Adelstein, Jeanette Yaphe and Elaine Neumann.

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Among those who entertained in honour of Miss Anna Kramer, a bride of March, were Mesdames S. Ryan, St. Luke Street, at bridge on Tuesday, February 3; and H. Livinson, York Avenue, at bridge on Wednesday afternoon.

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Among those entertaining in honour of Miss Sadie Usher, a February bride, are Mrs. P. Holzberg, Hutchison Street, kitchen shower; Mrs. M. Held, Wiseman Avenue, crystal shower; Miss Edna Silver, Marlowe Avenue, handkerchief shower; Mrs. Levine, Deacon Road, theatre party; Mrs. M. Usher, Metcalfe Avenue, sachet tea; Mrs. R. A. Darwin, and Mrs. M. Tisnauer, Montclair Avenue, joint hostesses at a formal dance; Miss Ethel Rachkin, tea at the Mount Royal Hotel for bridal party; Mrs. Jack Notkin, Oxford Avenue, miscellaneous shower; Miss Kate Vilansky, Bloomfield Avenue, tea; and Mrs. A. Weiss, Mance Street, bridge.

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Mrs. Maurice Wener, Clarke Street, entertained at a trousseau tea, on Monday, February 2, in honour of her daughter, Ethel, whose marriage to Saul Tomarkin will take place on Sunday, February 8.

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Mrs. S. Reinblatt, 2065 Waverly St., entertained at three tables of bridge on Wednesday, January 28. Prizes were won by the Mesdames L. Isenberg, H. Gasco and S. Migicousky. Among those present were Mesdames B. Shapiro, S. Lang, H. Gasco, S. Kalman, S. Migicousky, B. Neamtin, B. Albert, J. Taylor, S. Simpson, Sigman, Pugasch, L. Isenberg and J. Frankel.

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Miss Elsie Dansiger, , Beaconsfield Avenue, entertained at bridge on Wednesday, February 4.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaufman, 325 St. Joseph Boulevard West, entertained on Saturday, January 31, in honour of the engagement of Miss Mary Handelman. About 120 guests were present.

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Miss Esther Segal, Mance Street, entertained at a sleighing party on Tuesday, February 3.

BAR-MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sabbath, 543 Oxford Avenue, were at home on Sunday, February 1, afternoon and evening, in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their son, Bernard. Mrs. J. M. Sabbath, who wore a French blue beaded gown, was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. H. S[illegible] in black [illegible] The Joe Kert, Mrs. Ralph Strassner, and Mrs. Joe Brodkin, assisted by Misses Tillie Streicher, Rae Cohen and Ethel Sperber. About 400 guests were present. Decorations were carried out with spring flowers. Dancing. Dinner was served to the immediate family on Saturday afternoon, and about twenty-five boy friends were entertained at dinner on Saturday evening. The out-of-town guests at the reception included Mrs. Ida Weisler, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Aron Sabbath, of Chicago.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rose, 214 St. Joseph Boulevard West, who were to have been at home on February 1, in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their son, Arthur, have postponed the reception because of the bar-mitzvah's illness. He was awarded a scholarship and medal at Bancroft School.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Kaufman, 325 St. Joseph Boulevard West, will be at home at the Mount Royal Hotel on February 7, in honour of their son, Dave. Services were at the Bnai Jacob Synagogue, January 31.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Dainow, 139 Laurier Avenue West, were at home on Saturday, January 31, in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their son, Henry. Services at the Bnai Jacob Synagogue. About 100 guests were present Saturday.

BIRTHS

On January 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hirsch, 250 Regent Avenue, N.D.G., a daughter.

At the Medical Arts Maternity Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Silverman (nee Mollie Cohen), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. Lepidus (nee Cissie Bergelstein) 2263 St. Dominique Street, a son, January 18.

On January 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lerner, 1580 Esplanade, a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. J. Tannenbaum, Los Angeles, California, announces the engagement of his daughter, Rose, to Dr. Charles Finklestein, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Finklestein, of Montreal. Toronto papers please copy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lightstone, of Fairmount W., announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Sadie, to Mr. Philip Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cohen, both of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Tow announce the engagement of their daughter, Beatrice, to Joseph Margolese, of New York City and Montreal.

The engagement was announced of Jean, daughter of the late Marcus Pedvis and of Mrs. Pedvis, Mount Royal West, to William Conn, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Conn, of New York. Marriage at the Bnai Jacob Synagogue, February 22.

Mrs. J. Kaufman announces the engagement of her sister, Mary Handelman, to Morris Moses, son of Mrs. Moses. Wedding in June.

OBITUARY

Philip Goldenberg died, at the age of 51, at his home on Sherbrooke Street West, January 26, after an illness of one week. He was buried in the Temple Emanu-El burial plot on Friday, January 30, Rabbi M. J. Merritt officiating. Born in Kiev, Russia, Mr. Goldenberg came to this country thirty-five years ago, and after spending some time in New York and Newark, settled in Montreal, as a manufacturer. He was a member of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and of Temple Emanu-El. He is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. H. G. Gordon, of Toronto; and one son, J. C. Goldenberg.

DEATHS

On January 28, 1925, Max Grossman, age forty-eight years. Funeral from 229 St. Elizabeth Street, Friday at

JEWISH INTER-CLUB FORUM

The Jewish Inter-Club Forum, consisting of the Dufferin School Graduates' Society, Y.M.H.A., Literary Society, Young People's League of Chevra Kadisha and the Y.W.H.A., in co-operation with The Hadassah, The Junior Hadassah, Montreal Young Judaea, and the Baron de Hirsch Book Club, will hold its second open meeting in the Y.M.H.A. auditorium, 697 St. Urbain Street, Sunday, February 8, at 8.15 p.m., with Frank E. Bender presiding.

There will be an illustrated travel-talk on "Palestine During the World War," by A. J. Livinson. Programme: Miss Bernice Berman, Miss Lillie Lecker, dramatic sketch; Boris Karassik, violinist; Henry Herschorn, solo 'cellist; Miss Eda Bogo, piano accompanist.

FAREWELL DINNER FOR SAMUEL SHARLACH

A farewell banquet was tendered Samuel Sharlach, former secretary of the Business Men's Council of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, on January 31, by a number of friends on his departure for White Plains, New York. Ernest G. F. Vaz, Irving Gerdy, Frederick M. Vaz, Reginald Williams, Vincent and Mario Consiglio and Samuel Ames spoke. Mr. Sharlach responded to a toast, "Our Guest."

MACCABAEAN ZIONISTS

Friends of the Maccabaean Zionists are invited Thursday evening, February 12, at the Zionist Institute, 226 Sherbrooke Street West, to hear Joseph Cohen, K.C., speak on "Criminal Law in the Commonwealth of Israel." Music.

The Maccabaean Study Group met Sunday evening, at the home of E. Freedman, 366 Kensington Avenue, Westmount. Rabbi Zlotnik introduced the discussion on "The Ethics of the Prophets."

C. Brownstein and S. Schweisberg will represent the Maccabaean Circle in the annual debate with the Toronto Menorah Society, February 27.

A. Gorelick, Arts '26; H. Lidsky, Arts '28; L. Kursner, Arts '26, and A. Edel represented McGill in the match against the Iberville Chess Club in the Montreal Chess League games.

Miss Minnie Ratner read a paper on Brahms at the last meeting of the R.V.C. Music Club, Thursday, January 29.

David Blaustein and P. Sturman have been admitted as students of pharmacy, and Louis Stein has been admitted on sciences, as a result of the recent semi-final examinations conducted by the preliminary board of examiners of the Pharmaceutical Society of Quebec.

"HISTOLOGY AND HISTOPATHOLOGY OF THE TEETH"

Dr. Halperin spoke on "Histology and Histopathology of the Teeth" at a meeting of the Dental Undergraduates' Society at the Assembly Hall, New Medical Building, on Friday, January 30.

YOUNG PIANIST'S RECITAL

Rose Goldblatt, a young pianist, of eleven, a pupil of Stanley Gardner, gave a short recital at Willis' on Tuesday evening, January 27. She played one of Bach's Preludes and Fugues in B flat. A Beethoven Concerto, with Mr. Gardner at the second piano, was the concerto in B flat, which Beethoven wrote when he was not very much older than Miss Goldblatt. She has been asked to play at the next meeting of the Musical Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Gardner, 841 Cadieux Street.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Michael Garber spoke to the Maccabaean Circle meeting, January 25, on "Have the Jews a Mission?"

Donshkess, Crestohl, Lende and Spector were active in the fencing bouts last week.

J. Spector, B. M. Alexander, G. Levy, J. C. Goldenberg and S. Schwiseberg were active in the inter-faculty debating tournaments.

S. Schweisberg, a law student who has had considerable experience in University debating and who debated against Cornell at the beginning of the year, will represent McGill at Kingston when they debate against Queen's University, February 26. Debate: "Resolved that Canada should adopt an immigration policy of drastic restriction, similar in principle to the one already in force in United States, except as it affects the inhabitants of the British Isles."

McGill negative.

Jack Spector, first year Law, has been appointed prime minister of the Coalition Reform and Rational Government.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Council of Jewish Women cabaret and supper dance at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, February 16, Mrs. A. B. Illievitz, Mrs. Paul Saks, and Mrs. S. W. Jacobs, formerly of Cornwall, conveners. Miss May Lightstone, in costume, will sing selections from Carmen; Jay Wolfe will sing, and Mde. Moskova and Edith Ziff will dance. Subscribers include Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jacobs, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Illievitz, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kert, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lesser, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wolff, Dr. A. O. Freedman, Dr. A. E. Greenspon, Norman Freedman and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bronfman.

JEWISH AUTHOR LECTURES

David Einhorn, Jewish author, lectured to capacity audiences at the Prince Arthur Hall, on February 1, 2 and 3. On February 1, he spoke on "Intelligence and the Masses in the History of the Jew." Solomon Magid presided. The choir of the Peretz Schule and the Folks' Schule sang some of the author's songs. Mrs. Anna Hollander, of the Yiddish Players, sang. Olgo Leiber, the Russian pianist, and Boris Karrasik, the violinist, played. David Einhorn was tendered a banquet by the Workman's Circle and the Socialist party.

MACCABAEAN ZIONISTS

The Maccabaean Zionists will shortly be affiliated with the Order of Habonim. Grand Host Rabbi Berger will officiate at the ceremony at the Mount Royal Hotel, February 24.

Y.W.H.A. ACTIVITIES

The Pandora Girls held a boy and girl party in the "Y" club-rooms January 18. The rooms were decorated. The arrangements were in charge of Miss Elizabeth Goffman, president of the club, and Miss B. Bazar, leader. Miss Bazar sang and Miss Roslyn Stern played the piano. Novelty dance. Refreshments.

The Elvira Girls held their social last Sunday evening in charge of their leader, Mrs. S. Levitt. A sit-down supper was served at 10 o'clock in the club's dining-room. Music. Dancing.

The Dalsa Club, the literary and debating club, have sent out invitations for an evening party to inaugurate their club, Saturday next at 8 p.m.

Basketball

Captain Annie Gross's senior Y.W.H.A. basketball team won from the Progressive Girls on Thursday, January 22, at the Strathearn School, by a score of 24 to 16. There were two periods of fifteen minutes each with ten minutes' intermission. The senior team is playing the Young Ladies' Athletic Association on Wednesday, February 4.

General meeting of the Senior "Y" Monday evening, January 26, to elect officers and members of executive committees. Results announced next week.

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every friday

That there is something the matter in the House of Israel has become the one fact that brings disagreeing Jews together on the spot. Just what the trouble is cannot be decided unanimously, but the blame for it is being laid very often at the door of lovely woman. A mass of clippings collected during the past year from Jewish papers in all corners of the earth shows the net of evidence, mostly masculine, tightening about her. She stands accused of failing to keep Judaism alive in its stronghold, the Jewish home. This writer wants her to be a high priestess holding aloft a torch; that one thinks she should shed about her the fragrance of a woodland flower; another one thinks she should lead all other women under the banner of peace. The ideals of what a woman in Israel should be in this day of recognized crisis differ, but judging from writings from different climes, the Jewess is much the same whether she lives in England, America or Africa. The writers are all agreed that, whatever it is they want the Jewish woman to be, that is just what she is anything but at present.

Dr. Sidney Goldstein in the Chicago "Sentinel," for example, writing on "Virtue and Womanhood" says at once that his subject "takes us to the very heart of the confusion that has arisen in our moral life." He finds us living on a lower level than the one we lived on a decade ago, having lost faith in those standards we once held sacred. He gives as the reason the passing of the precious influence of woman and the coming in its place of a Lorelei luring us to destruction and perdition. He is driven to despair by the modern Jewess. He presents her as a painted woman whose cosmetics coarsen, not only her skin, but her manner and soul as well. Dr. Goldstein says that he still meets young women who are simple, unassuming, unsophisticated, but most of them, "acquiring the customs of their elders," are encouraged in love of ornamentation and extravagance contrary to the spirit of Judaism which is a religion simple and almost austere.

J. L. Landau, chief rabbi of Johannesburg, South Africa, writes in "Ivri Onouchi" that a great change has come over the spirit of the Jewish home because the woman in it has failed in her responsibility to keep alive the flame of Judaism. He charges that, although woman's influence and ability have increased, she has failed to use it to enrich her home. Whatever hope there is for a survival of the Jewish families of the Goluth, this rabbi places in a renewed sense of responsibility on the part of the woman.

Against the modern Jewish girl, the maker-elect of the Jewish home, the Vorwaerts of New York lodges the complaint that she is such a lover of show, splurge and expense for the impression they make, as to discourage any man from trusting her with a home in the first place. She hates to sit in the balcony at a theatre for fear someone will see her coming down, she hates second-rate restaurants whether her escort can afford better or not, and no matter what her condition of life, it seems, her opinion of the big diamond engagement ring is an exalted one. The writer contrasts the ideas of Gentile girls and Jewish girls of modest means with regard to clothes, expenses and gives credit for most of the lapses of taste to the Jewish girl.

Gaza, writing in the London "Jewish World," says that Jewish homes are made or marred by incompetent, pleasure-loving butterflies who require freedom from household cares and enough wealth to provide them with nurses and other help in excess of their needs. Another writer in this same paper says that for the most part homemakers are drawn from a generation of women who shrink from responsibility.

Mrs. Mayerberg, of the Ohio State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, recently told her executive board that Sisterhoods "must teach their thoughtless sisters by precept and example that ostentation is unbecoming and modesty a jewel." She said that when anti-Semites depict Jewish women "as gaudy, boisterous and uncouth, we must prove ourselves to be genteel, cultured and dignified, and teach that the Jewess is a priestess in the sanctuary of God."

Mrs. Louis I. Newman, wife of the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco, in a recent lecture criticized women who use their leisure time day after day in games to the neglect of home and communal duties. Rabbi Alexander Lyons, of New York, in his bulletin, the "Supplement," says that "there are thousands of women gadding about and playing cards who are really gamblers, although they call their pursuit recreation," while they forget their own homes and such worth-while work as they could do if they would.

There is enough being written on this one phase of Jewish life to fill a book. Relevant in this accumulation of opinion on [illegible] women is mention of card-playing as a fixed mania, the over-use of cosmetics, vulgar display of jewelry. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, although the large body of Jewish women in the home are well-meaning, serious and well-mannered, there are too many wastrels of time, money, nerve energy and life and that these are on the increase. To their influence is laid blame for much damage to Judaism in its stronghold, the Jewish home.

All this sounds like severe condemnation of the Jewish wife and mother, but it also condemns the preachers and teachers in Israel, for where were they while she was being tainted with the general scourge of irresponsibility? Their criticism is still valuable and necessary, but it is a bit belated coming from people who must have been dozing while the situation they deplore was coming to a b[illegible]

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ROSE SHARON CHAPTER

Meetings of the Rose Sharon Chapter are held every Tuesday evening. January 27, a joint meeting was held with the Mitzvah Chapter. Mrs. A. Selick, of Toronto, was guest speaker. Phil Meyerovitch also spoke. Miss Betwenik gave musical selections, and Miss M. Finkelstein recited "Breaking into Hadassah." Misses Berinbaum, Goldberg, Peigin and Wohl were hostesses. Refreshments. A social will be held Tuesday, February 10, at the home of Miss Sarah Strasberg, 161 Esplanade Avenue.

YOUNG LADIES' ZIONIST CHAPTER

Y. L. Z. C. met at the home of Mrs. C. Rosenthal, Ed. Chas Street, on February 2. Discussion of forth-coming raffle. Mrs. W. Rachinovitch, convener; Mrs. Stewart, captain. The following will sell raffle tickets: Mesdames B. Albert, J. Weigenberg, W. Caplan, R. Cabott, H. Schiller, Miss S. Jacobson, Mrs. Jack Sigman, Mesdames C. Rosenthal, S. Shalinsky, Z. Rill, M. Crelinsten, I. Hoffman, M. Gold, S. Steinberg and J. Levitt. Mrs. H. Singer read passages from "Steeplejack" by Jas. Gibbons Huncker. A paper was read on "Life of Herzl," by Mrs. D. I. Scherman. National Fund boxes were distributed. The raffle donated by Mrs. W. Taffert was won by Mrs. H. Franklin. Six dollars was collected for tea.

QUEEN ESTHER CHAPTER

Queen Esther Chapter met Monday afternoon, February 2, at Zionist headquarters. Mesdames A. Ginsberg and J. Taylor were hostesses. Donations of gingham were received from Mrs. A. Greenfield and Mrs. Chas. Lazarus. A total of $141 has been collected for the hospital shower. Chapter dance on February 22, to the four junior Chapters who have been in charge of the National Fund Chapters. Montreal Hadassah will raffle $500 in cash for the Keren Hayesod; Mrs. Maurice Garfunkle convener for this Chapter. Five captains appointed are: Mesdames M. Garfinkle, S. Kalmony, J. Taylor, J. Benjamin, M. Samuels. Prizes will be awarded to captains and individuals. Mrs. M. Fineberg won the weekly raffle. Next meeting Monday afternoon, February 9, at 226 Sherbrooke West.

CENTRAL CHAPTER

The bridge meeting of Central Chapter of Hadassah took place at Zionist headquarters January 26. Mrs. J. Selick, of Toronto, guest of honour, gave a talk.

Mrs. Boulkind presented Mrs. Meyer Dubrofsky's guest, Mrs. Diamond, of New York City, with trees. Mrs. Diamond donated five dollars towards National Fund. A cheque for $25 and one for $5 have been received through Mrs. Boulkind from Mrs. Milman and son, of Granby, Que. Three trees have been mailed to the boy in his name.

Mrs. E. G. Bernstein extended a vote of thanks to the bridge convener, Mrs. R. Goldman and to Mrs. J. Heller for her donation of a Madeira tea cloth for the raffle.

Cards were played at fifteen tables, and the individual table prizes were decks of playing cards. The raffle was won by Mrs. E. G. Bernstein.

Hostesses were: Mesdames Levi, Davis, Notkin, N. Rosenthal, Heilig, Abe Schacter, Harry Cohen, Geringer, Marcowitz, Lapides, Goldstein and A. Goodman.

SYBIL COHEN CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

Sybil Cohen Chapter met Wednesday, January 21, at the Zionist headquarters with Mrs. M. H. Cohen in the chair. Chapter theatre night took place Wednesday, February 4, at the Monu-

Aleichem's plays was presented.

Mr. Nishnik, of Palestine, spoke.

Hostesses were Misses Cohen and Corry.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

Sisterhood meets in the vestry rooms of 135 Stanley Street, at 3 p.m., Thursday, February 12. Programme includes musical numbers by a trio consisting of Miss Louise de Sola, Mrs. Illievitz and Miss Ballon, a violin solo by Bram Rose, and a reading by Mrs. Annie Kirschberg. All welcome. Tea.

BNAI JACOB'S YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY

Wednesday, February 18, will be Jewish art night at the Bnai Jacob Young People's Society. Rabbi J. Berger will speak on "The Jew and Art," and J. Magid will read a paper on "Jewish Humour." Jewish folk-songs and other music. Older folks invited.

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN MONTREAL SYNAGOGUE AND DE SOLA HEIRS

At a special general meeting of the Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews, February 1, an amicable settlement was made between the congregation and the heirs of the DeSola estate. The heirs have donated to the congregation, in memory of the late Rabbi Meldola DeSola, the sum due to them by the Corporation, for as long as the congregation continues in existence and maintains the Sephardic Minhag. If the congregation should cease to exist, or should change the Minhag, the gift will be revoked without interest.

A resolution of sympathy was passed at the meeting to Mrs. Lambert, on the recent death of her husband.

Y.P.S. NEWS

The Young People's Society of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue heard Maurice Samuel, author and lecturer speak on "Some Hebrew Poets" on January 28. The Rev. Dr. H. Abramowitz introduced the speaker.

Mr. Samuel classed Bialik, Yankof Kahn, Zalmon Schnier and Sol Chernekofsky as the four greatest Hebrew poets. Bialik the most important. The

Maurice Samuel

speaker compared him to Shakespeare, Dante and Milton, in that he was all human. He read extracts from Bialik's poems.

Mr. Samuel also read a translation of Kahn's "The Frogs," in which the human race is satirized as complacent frogs living in their pond of mud. The translations were Mr. Samuel's.

Informal dance and reception. A musical programme was given by Miss [illegible] accompanist.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

The Temple Players will be entertained at a supper dance at the Mount Royal Hotel on February 7, by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. A. Dobrofsky, Mrs. Gus Fischel and Rabbi and Mrs. Merritt will receive the guests. Professor Carrie Derrick will address the Sisterhood, February 10, on "Implications of Humanity." Music.

Dr. Haywood of the Montreal General Hospital spoke on "Vice Conditions in Montreal" at the Brotherhood meeting February 4. After dinner Geo. Freeman's Oklahoma entertainers, and Hartley and Patterson Williard, of the Imperial Theatre, gave a programme.

SHAAR HASHOMAYIM

The Y.P.S. of the Shaar Hashomayim Congregation meets February 11 for a McGill Night. Debate, "Resolved that the war and its consequences have been productive of more harm than good to the Jewish People." Sadie Lazarovitz, Law '27, and Gordon Levy, Arts '25, affirmative, and Reva Rudy, Arts '27, and Nathan Reich, Arts '25, the negative. Miss Shapiro, pianist, and E. Gross, violinist, will play.

RECITAL

The following programme will be given at the musicale of Miss Ruth Brotman, February 15: Pianoforte, "Four Preludes" (Mendelssohn), Miss Jeanette Enzer. Songs: (a) "Nattergalen" (Norwegian), Greig; (b) "Agnus Dei" (Latin), Bizet; (c) "The Cradles (English), Faure, Miss Ruth Brotman. 'Cello, "First Concerto" (Saint Saens), Henry

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CANTOR'S CONCERT

At the Monument National on Tuesday evening, February 17, a concert will be given in aid of the Jewish People's Library, by two famous Jewish cantors, Mr. Mordecai Hershman, of New York, and Mr. M. Steinberg, also of New York. Mr. Hershman sang with great success in a concert given at the Monument National last season.

ANNA FITZIU

Anna Fitziu, the beautiful soprano, who is giving a concert at His Majesty's Theatre on the afternoon of February 15 at three o'clock, has achieved successes both abroad and in America.

Miss Fitziu's impressive European records fade into comparative insignificance beside the triumphs she has won in her own United States. Practically all the operatic roles with which she first thrilled the audiences of Rome, Naples, Florence and Madrid have since brought her even greater ovations in New York, Chicago, Havana and Mexico. It has become a tradition among modern composers to seek the personality of Anna Fitziu for the creation of new and important roles. In Italy she was thus honoured by Montemezzi in "L'Amore dei Tre Re," the most significant opera of the present century, while the veteran Mancinelli selected her as the heroine of his "Paola and Francesa."

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QUEBEC CITY

The Lillian Frieman Chapter of Hadassah met in the Talmud Torah of Quebec. Mrs. Greenberg was in the chair on account of Mrs. Lazarovitz' illness. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. H. Silverman. Then a $50 cheque was sent to Mrs. A. J. Frieman, Ottawa, for the Tuberculosis Hospital in Palestine. It was decided to send $20 for the Chaluzim's kitchen for Passover in Palestine. Tea served by Mrs. Lazarovitz and Mrs. Z. Schwartz. $5.50 was realized from the tea and also a raffle donated by Mrs. L. Lazarovitz.

HAMILTON

ANSHE SHOLOM

Services Friday night. Sermon by Rabbi Freund: "Mosaic Influence in the History of Civilization." A weekly congregational bulletin is being issued to members and friends.

The executive committee of the Anshe Sholom Men's Club met Monday evening. Arrangements were made to invite several prominent speakers for the remaining meetings. Sunday, February 8, the meeting will be a formal dinner at the Royal Connaught, with Rabbi A. Feinberg, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., speaking. Tuesday night, Rabbi Freund, with several other members of the congregation, attended a dinner-dance of the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Men's Club, at which Rabbi Louis Wolsey, of the Euclid Avenue Temple, of Cleveland, Ohio, spoke.

Executive committee of the Bnai Brith Lodge met at the home of the newly elected president, Joseph A. Sweet. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Sweet, entertained later. The monthly meeting of the congregation was held Sunday morning. At the City of Justice meeting of the religious school, it was moved to purchase a tree in the Herzl Forest in Palestine, bearing the name of the school, to celebrate Chamisho Osor B'shvat, next Sunday morning.

The Deborah Ladies' Society met Sunday afternoon. Affiliation with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods was discussed. Rabbi Freund spoke in connection with the National Federation, and on the duty of the women to attend services. Tea.

Among those who entertained in honour of Miss Meyerson, of New York, the guest of Mrs. Weinstein, were Mrs. E. Cohen, theatre party; Mrs. Rabkin, theatre party; Mrs. R. Levy, sleighing party, followed by a supper and dance at Dr. Segal's home. Mrs. A. Weinstein, King Street East, entertained sixteen guests at bridge. Prizes were won by Miss Goldblatt, Mrs. Wagman, Mrs. A. Stone. Miss Meyerson was presented with a gift.

OBITUARY

Max Steinberg died suddenly at his residence, 1 Emerald Street South, Hamilton, January 17. Although in poor health for the past year, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Steinberg came to Canada forty-six years ago from Kurland, Lithuania, and settled in Hamilton. He lived for a short time in Toronto, and while there was trustee of Goel Tzedec Synagogue.

Max Steinberg

He then moved to Berlin, now Kitchener, where he retired from active business, moving back to Hamilton six years ago. He took an active part in all charities, but was especially interested in the Talmud Torah, where he was treasurer for a number of years.

He leaves his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Max Axler, Toronto; Mrs. Isaac Cohen, Kingston, and Miss Lea, at home; and two sons, Dr. Arch. and Gordon, both of Hamilton.

Services were conducted by Rabbis Freund and Levine, and Cantor Levinson. Interment at Beth Jacob Cemetery.

ST. CATHARINES

Mrs. R. J. Hoffman, of 27 Queenston Street, entertained the Hebrew Ladies' Aid, last night, in honour of Mrs. Reichman, wife of Rev. Reichman. Mrs. Hoffman, president of the society, spoke.

Mrs. Reichman was presented with a silver flower basket.

Mrs. M. Morris, secretary of the Ladies' Aid, was toast-mistress, and called on each of the twenty-five members to give a toast. Musical programme.

WINNIPEG

The presidents of the synagogues of Winnipeg appointed to arrange the Cantor Josef Shlisky services and concert in aid of the Winnipeg Talmud Torahs, are: A. Slobinsky, chairman; J. Gershfield, vice-chairman; A. W. Myers, honorary treasurer; A. Cohen, treasurer; M. H. Levinson, secretary; Committee—I. Portigal, B. Starikoff, S. B. Levine, V. Rubin, H. Labovitch, A. Brovender, H. Herman, M. Dorfman, M. W. Triller, M. Jacobs, S. Bookhalter and J. Waisman.

Max Kert, Hebrew and English student, will head the discipline committee. Mr. Kert's entrance into the Board of Education marks a new departure in the administration of the Talmud Torahs, for this is the first time that a young man has been on the Board of Education.

Plans are being made to celebrate Chamisho Osor b'Shvat on Sunday, February 8, at 3 p.m. The programme will consist of Hebrew songs and recitations by the Talmud Torah pupils and addresses by the Principal, L. Levitt; Rev. H. J. Samuel and Rev. I. I. Wohlgelernter. The president, S. A. Berg, will preside.

Brownies and Girl Guides consisting of Talmud Torah pupils were organized last week and are meeting every Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m., in the Talmud Torah Hall.

H. L. Weidman, chairman of the Board of Education, reports that there is a steady increase in the enrollment of new children. All parents who are desirous of enrolling their children in the Kindergarten Class should make personal or written application to Mr. L. Levitt, Principal of the Talmud Torahs.

REGINA

Mrs. Harry Buchwald, of Admiral, is here for a few days.

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Miss Sara Promislow gave a trousseau tea at her home Sunday evening, assisted by Misses Sadie Freedman and Esther Promislow. About twenty-five guests were invited.

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Mrs. Wm. Pechet entertained in honour of Mrs. Wm. Rabofsky, of Prelate, Sunday evening, at five tables of bridge. The souvenirs went to Mrs. S. Sandomirsky and Mrs. J. Gordon. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. Samovitch, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Natanson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sandomirsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gallaman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cooperman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kovsky, Dr. and Mrs. B. I. Gitterman, Miss Bessie Sadowski and Miss Lillian Chess, of Vancouver.

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Miss Minnie Friedgut entertained Tuesday in compliment to Miss Sara Promislow, bride-elect. Miss Rae Friedgut assisted.

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Mrs. J. Gordon and Mrs. A. Abrams entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon. Assisting were: Misses Catherine Chess, Beatrice Krival and Rosalind Gordon.

Mrs. H. A. Cooperman entertained at five tables of bridge at her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. S. Lexier, Mrs. B. Lesk and Mrs. Dr. Kraminsky won the prizes. Assisting were: Mrs. M. Samovitch, Mrs. Z. Natanson and Miss Bessie Sadowski. Those invited were: Mrs. Kraminsky, Mrs. R. Leob, Mrs. S. Lexier, Mrs. M. Kovsky, Mrs. S. Kovsky, Mrs. M. Schiller, Mrs. Chmelnitsky, Mrs. Smorden, Admiral; Mrs. Buchwald, Admiral; Mrs. J. Gordon, Mrs. D. Gallaman, Mrs. A. Abrams, Mrs. Wm. Pechet, Mrs. S. Zalkind, Mrs. H. Bercovich, Mrs. M. Samovitch, Mrs. Z. Natanson, Mrs. Dr. B. I. Gitterman, Mrs. B. Lesk, Mrs. W. Schacter, Mrs. J. Schwartzfeld, Mrs. S. Pearlman, Mrs. S. Sandomirsky, and Mrs. H. A. Cooperman.

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In compliment to Miss Sara Promislow whose marriage took place Sunday, February 1, Miss Ia Zonenfeld entertained Thursday evening. Misses Esther Promislow, Rebecca Zonenfeld and Miss Bertha Bernstein, assisted. Those present were: Bessie Sadowski, Margery Edess, Ada Ostrovsky, Sophie Friedgut, Rosalind Gordon, Anna Shragge, Leah Leibovitch, Dora Finkelstein, Fanny Shragge, Eva Leibovitch, Bertha Bernstein, Rebecca Shragge, Sarah Promislow, Fanny Finkelstein, Goldie Leibovitch, Esther Promislow, Gertie Silverman, Pearl B. Helman, Tilly Segal, Ethel Silverman, Rebecca Zonenfeld, Minnie Friedgut and Ida Zonenfeld.

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Hadassah Chapter gave a whist drive in the Talmud Torah Sunday evening, and realized $50 to go towards the Keren Hayesod Fund. The prizes were won by Mrs. B. Isman and Mrs. H. Machlin. The committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of: Mrs. J. Schwartzfeld, Mrs. W. Schacter, Mrs. Harry Kahn, Mrs. H. Isman, Mrs. M. Prosterman and Mrs. A. Leibovitch. The Hadassah also contributed $200 to the Keren Hayesod Fund while Dr. David Rabelsky was here. Dr. Rabelsky who returned to Regina spoke at the Talmud Torah Hall, Thursday evening, on "The Secret of Our Existence."

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Mrs. Wm. Pechet gave a handkerchief shower Monday evening for Miss Sara Promislow. Those present were: Misses Sara Promislow, Esther Promislow, Catherine Chess, Lillian Chess, Vancouver; Ida Zonenfeld, Rebecca Zonenfeld, Sophie Friedgut, Ethel Silverman, Rosalind Gordon, Sadie Freedman, Sara Pechet, Beatrice Krivel, Fanny Prosterman, Sally Kalef, Gertrude Silverman, Margery Edess, Bessie Sadowski, M. Friedgut, Bertha Bernstein, Betty Herman, Mrs. Gitterman, Mrs. Z. Natanson, Mrs. Cooperman. Boys arrived later and dancing followed. Those invited were: Louis Lesk, Lewis Weber, Louis Lazarous, Sam Promislow, Jack Finn, Barney Portigal, Boris Dubinsky, Saul Silverman, Jack Pechet, Sam Berger, Winnipeg; Harry Freedman, Myer Berner, Dr. Gitterman, and Wm. Pechet. Mrs. Pechet was assisted by Mrs. Gitterman, Miss Bessie Sadowski, Mrs. Z. Natanson and Mrs. H. Cooperman.

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Mrs. Benjamin Lesk and Mrs. Thomas Lesk were joint hostesses at a reception, Tuesday, January 27, at the Talmud Torah banquet hall, in honour of Mrs. Louis I. Lesk (nee Ida Goldman January bride). The table was centred with pale mauve mums and fern, and presided over by Mrs. M. Kovsky and Mrs. D. B. Kliman. Mrs. E. Arenovsky, Mrs. I. Friedgut and Mrs. Sandomirsky assisted. The bridge souvenirs went to Mrs. M. Kovsky, Mrs. H. Buchwald, of Admiral, and Mrs. Hyman Kahn.

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Annual dance of the Zion Current Events Club at the Talmud Torah Hall, February 10. The committee is: Misses S. Freedman, A. Shragge, C. Pinsk, Bessie Sadowski, Minnie Friedgut, Leah Leibovitch and Margery Edess.

OTTAWA

Sleigh Drive

A number of young people were entertained at a sleigh drive on Sunday evening by the Queen Esther Club: Later there was dancing at the home of Miss S. Torontow. Refreshments, games. Those who assisted the hostess were Misses Irene Uditsky, Fanny Torontow, Charlotte Stone and Esther Cooper. Mrs. J. Torntow acted as chaperon.

Miss Helen Abelson is in Cornwall, Ontario, visiting with her sister, Mrs. Joe Millar.

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Sam Caplan has returned after spending ten days in Toronto.

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Mrs. Jack Salter is visiting friends in Montreal.

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Mrs. R. H. Millar entertained in honour of Mrs. Gorfinkle and Mrs. Astrof, of Montreal, one evening last week.

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Mrs. Chas. Tanner entertained three tables of bridge last Wednesday afternoon in honour of her sister, Mrs. Mark Garfinkle, of Montreal. A prize for each table was won by Mrs. J. N. Nathanson, Mrs. Geo. Wolf and Mrs. H. Astrof. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. A. Pinco and Mrs. Jack Horwitz.

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Mrs. Chas. Rotbart entertained during the tea-hour at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in honour of Mrs. J. Rubin, of Montreal, and Mrs. S. H. Adman, of Toronto.

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Mrs. Isidor Sugarman entertained at a bridge party in honour of the out-of-town guests. Prizes were won by Mrs. Chas. Tanner and Mrs. J. Kizell. Guest prizes were presented to Mrs. S. Adman, of Toronto, Mrs. M. Garfinkle, of Montreal, and Mrs. J. Ross, of Toronto. The hostess was assisted in serving by Misses M. Mintz, Edith Raport and Florence Sugarman.

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Wolfe Shenkman has returned after spending the past two weeks in New York City.

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Misses Naomi and Ruth Millar, of Montreal, who spent the last week-end here, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bernett.

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Those who entertained in honour of Mrs. Sam Shenkman and Mrs. J. Ross, of Toronto, were the Mesdames B. Mendels, A. H. Coplan, H. Middleman, S. Diamend, D. Mirsky, J. N. Nathanson, J. J. Marks, Isidor Sugarman, H. Dover, F. H. Sinclair, M. B. Margosches, A. Pinco, J. Kizell, L. Davis, J. Holzman, H. H. Sugarman, Geo. Wolf and A. J. Freiman.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross received at their home last Sunday afternoon in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their only son, Bernard. Service was held Saturday morning in the King Edward Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi M. J. Mintz officiating.

The rooms were adorned with carnations, daffodils, narcissi and freesia. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Jos. Dover and Bernard Ross. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. E. Bernett, Mrs. H. Dover, Mrs. J. N. Nathanson and Mrs. J. Rubin, of Montreal, assisted by Mrs. F. H. Sinclair, Mrs. Sam Shenkman, Misses Fannie Smith, Thelma Dover, Celia Sinclair and Mary Ross. The punch was served by Mrs. J. Davis. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. J. Ross, Mrs. S. H. Adman, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Rubin, of Montreal.

A dinner was served to the immediate family following the service on Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freedman received last Sunday evening in the George Street hall on the bar-mitzvah of their youngest son, Edward. Service was held Saturday morning in the King Edward Avenue Synagogue by Rabbi M. J. Mintz. Mr. and Mrs. Freedman entertained at dinner for the members of the immediate family. Covers were laid for twenty-four.

The hall was decorated in yellow and white, and the host and hostess were assisted by Edward and Miss Leonore Freedman, R.N., of New York. Mrs. J. B. Rubinovitch, of Montreal, assisted in the tea-room. Yellow tulips, daffodils and freesia were used in the hall and centered the table which was presided over by Mrs. A. Kert, and Mrs. A. L. Rubinovitch, of Montreal. The ices were cut by Mrs. Irwin Rubinovitch, of Montreal, and Mrs. W. Shenkman. The punch was served by Mrs. Geo. M. Wolf. Assisting in the tea-room were Misses Freda Rubinovitch, Naomi Cohen, Naomi and Ruth Miller, all of Montreal; Misses Ethel Wener, Clare Kert, Blanche Millar, Anne Golub, Pearl Slonemsky, Eva Abramson, Malca Freedman, Mrs. H. Cooper and Beck Sugarman.

An orchestra played for dancing. Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. J. B. Rubinovitch, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Rubinovitch, Sigmund Rubinovitch, A. I. Rubinovitch, Miss Freda Rubinovitch, Jacob Cohen, Herman Cohen, Miss Naomi Cohen, Hiram Freedman, Misses Ruth and Naomi Millar, Irving Freedman, S. J. Rodman, all of Montreal; and Miss Leonore Freedman, of New York.

Mrs. A. Pinco sang, accompanied on the piano by Miss Pearl Slonemsky.

Then and Now

This One Remembers

Mrs. H. Loeser was for many years a very active member of the community and only recently left Toronto for Buffalo. M. Pink is an active member of the Holy Blossom Congregation. Mr. Bresslau was one of the first Jewish graduates of the School of Practical Science, graduating as mechanical engineer. Shortly after graduation he left for the United States and is the head of a large engineering concern there. His father is still here. Miss Josephi is an active worker in Council of Jewish Women and other kindred societies and a member of the Bond Street Synagogue. Moses Albert was born on Queen Street, one of the early generation of Toronto-born young men, son of the late Harry Albert, who for many years was one of the leading members and founders of the University Avenue Synagogue. He has occupied many of the highest positions in the semi-public life in the Province of Quebec. He was the first Jewish graduate in pharmacy in Canada. He is high in Masonic circles and a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Quebec. He is proprietor of several drug stores in Montreal.

L. GUROFSKY.

QUEEN ESTHER CLUB

A number of young people were entertained last week at a sleigh drive by the Queen Esther Club, followed by a dance and card party at the home of Miss Sarah Torontow. Assisting in serving were the Misses Irene Uditsky, Fannie Torontow, Charlotte Stone and Esther Cooper. Mrs. J. Torontow was chaperone.

FISH POND SHOWER

A fish pond shower was held Tuesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. B. Bookman, 162 Bell Street, by Mrs. Bookman and Mrs. C. Levine, in aid of the Hadassah bazaar. They were assisted by Mrs. A. Bookman, Mrs. M. Pistill, of Toronto, Mrs. H. Edelstein, Mrs. E. Fellberg and Miss E. Kilinowsky.

INTERMEDIATE MACCABAEAN GROUP

Intermediate Maccabaean Group met in the George Street hall. A report of the Maccabaean sleigh drive was read by the secretary, Moe Lachovitz. J. Zivian, leader of the Group, read a review of the organizations that compose the Groups. The constitution, ideals and activities of the Workers' Group, the Mizrachi or orthodox Group and the Agudeth Israel or Ultra-orthodox Group were described. Mr. Zivian outlined the work of the Jewish National Fund.

A discussion on the difference between each of these Groups was opened by Mr. Lazarus. Messrs. E. Wolfe and L. Katz also took part.

A Sleigh Drive, Deborah and Herzl Group

The girls of the Deborah Group and the boys of the Herzl Group of the Young Judaeans held a sleigh drive last Saturday evening, and returned to the George Street hall for supper. The evening was spent in games under the supervision of Benj. Goldfield and Ben Fox. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Margosches were chaperons. The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. J. Applebaum, assisted by Mrs. I. Rosenthal. They were assisted in serving by Mrs. M. B. Margosches, Misses P. Goldfield, Queenie Freiman, Helen Wener, Marjorie Margosches and Dorothy Golden. Arrangements for the drive were made by Miss Marjorie Margosches, president of the Deborah Group, Miss Queenie Freiman and Abe Shenkman, president of the Herzl Group. About forty-five boys and girls attended.

Sleigh Drive, Intermediate Maccabaean Group

A sleigh drive was held Saturday night of last week under the auspices of the Intermediate Maccabaean Group, Young Judaeans, with the Intermediate girls as their guests. Committee: Herb Myers, chairman of the entertainment; Moe Kauffman, Laurence Freiman, Moe Lachovitz, secretary-treasurer, and Misses Zelda Wener, convener of entertainment, and Doris Cohen. The chaperons were Miss Molly Mintz, Mrs. A. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dover, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horwitz, Mrs. Ben Edelson, assisted by Mrs. G. Applebaum, served. After a ride through Rockcliffe Park, the girls and boys returned to the George Street hall for a buffet supper. Dancing to orchestra music, direction Arthur Cohen.

The Scout Wolf Cubs

The 39th Pack Wolf Cubs, under Cub Master Bernard H. Fogle, hiked to Rockcliffe Park last Sunday afternoon where they tobogganed before proceeding to the Royal Shanty for hot lunch.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Chas. Kert thanks her friends for their expression of sympathy during her recent bereavement.

With the Cleveland opening of "The Miracle" still weeks ahead, the advance sales there have mounted up to more than $137,000, according to a telegram received by Morris Gest. This is the largest sum ever known for only a three-week engagement. That sum will swell to more than $250,000 before "The Miracle" actually begins, is the prediction.

Social Life about 25 Years Ago— Do You Remember?—

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel, of London, England, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Myers, Gerrard Street East, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lewis, of Montreal, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Youngheart. Mr. and Mrs. J. Michaels were spending a few weeks at the Island. Mrs. Fibel, of Philadelphia, was visiting Mrs. Wurgel, Church Street. Leo Wertheim, of New York, was visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Wertheim, Metcalf Street. Mrs. A. Miller, Wellesley Street, had as her guests her sons, Philip, Laurie and Joel. S. Vineberg of the Montreal Waterproof Co., was in Toronto. Mrs. Max Goldstein, of Winnipeg and Mrs. Goldnamen, of Princeton, Ky., were visiting their mother, Mrs. A. Cohen, Wilton Avenue. Lieutenant Frank D. Benjamin was home from Niagara where he had been in camp with his regiment. Misses Olga Strauss and Camilla Birkenthal were visiting Mrs. Herman Levy, of Hamilton. Lon Beers, of Denver, Col., returned home after graduating with honours at Upper Canada College.

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The Jewish Community of Montreal honoured the memory of Baroness Hirsch de Guereth at McGill College Avenue Synagogue, auspices Y.M.H.A. Rabbis de Sola, Kaplan and Ashinsky officiated. Officers present were: D. A. Ansell, president; I. Mendels, vice-president; I. Rubenstein, treasurer; Lyon Cohen, honorary secretary; trustees, Holstein, Wolovitch, Ship, Fineberg and Sessenwein; Dr. D. A. Hart, honorary physician; past presidents and officers: Harris Vineberg, Moses Vineberg, Laz Cohen, S. W. Jacobs, A. M. Vineberg, J. L. Samuels, D. S. Friedman, J. Scherman, L. Aronson, H. Rutenberg, J. Goldstein and A. Goldstein. The Hirsch cadets, the Montreal company of the Jewish Lads' Brigade, under Capt. Baker, formed a guard of honour outside the Synagogue. The funeral of the Baroness in Paris was simple in conformity with her request. There were no flowers and no speeches, but prayers were recited and a choir sang Hebrew melodies. Although no letters of invitation were sent, the home was filled and the Rue de l'Elysée was entirely blocked. Miss Rose Auerbach presented to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, a sunflower painting to commemorate the installation of one of its graduates, Rabbi Kaplan, as minister of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

WORLD NEWS

BLIND FROM INFANCY, GIRL OF EIGHTEEN WILL BE GRADUATED WITH HONOURS

Bay Ridge High School Student Plans Post-Graduate Course, Then College

Being blind may be a terrible misfortune, but it is not an insurmountable handicap to any one seeking knowledge. Rosalie Cohen, blind from infancy, proves this, for she will be graduated with honours from Bay Ridge High School, Fourth Avenue and Senator Street, Brooklyn.

Rosalie, who is eighteen, has been a student in the Bay Ridge School since her graduation from grammar school, and after her graduation to-night will take a six months' post-graduate course prior to entering college.

Miss Cohen came into the custody of the International Sunshine Home at Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, when she was two years old and has lived there since. Her ambition is to become a teacher of music. Her musical talent already has won her a scholarship in a musical institute.

The school she has been attending is a mile and a half from her home, and she usually walks the distance unaided.

"I love music, above everything else," she said; "not jazz, except for dancing, but classical selections, and I hope some day to be able to teach music.

"I do want to take this occasion to thank all my friends who have helped me in various ways in my studies."

Miss Cohen had special praise for Miss Kate Turner, one of her teachers, who, she said, was very patient with her. She said her lessons were read to her and in that way she committed them to memory and as she learned to use a typewriter she was able to make out her examination papers.

At the commencement exercises to see the blind girl receive her diploma will be her little friends from the Sunshine Home.

"I wish every one of them could graduate, too," she said, "and be as happy as I am."

ROSOFF, EX-NEWSBOY, AWARDED $4,617,000 SUBWAY CONTRACT IN NEW YORK

Thirty years ago Samuel R. Rosoff, an immigrant boy newly landed from Russia, was selling newspapers in Park Row.

Recently he became a subway builder, when the Rosoff Engineering Company, of which he is president, was announced the lowest bidder to construct a section of the new route along St. Nicholas Avenue and up through Washington Heights.

The bid of the former newsboy, who began earning his own living when he was eleven, was $4,617,000. Among his friends, Rosoff is known as "the Ash King," because of his contract with the Street Cleaning Department to collect ashes and refuse in Manhattan and the Bronx. His friends say he took the contract "on a shoestring," for he had no disposal plant at that time.

Rosoff also is president of the Rosoff Sand and Gravel Corporation, one of the largest companies supplying contractors, builders and brick plants in the East. At present the corporation is constructing a large trap rock crushing plant at Jones' Point.

Among road-building contracts Rosoff has obtained in the State was that of paving the sands of Long Beach, L.I., with cement. At the trial of former Mayor William H. Reynolds, charged with misuse of Long Beach funds, Rosoff testified he not only built the roads but had to buy a bond issue of $484,000 to insure payments on the road contracts.

JEWISH THEATRICAL GUILD DINNER-DANCE

The first annual dinner, dance and entertainment of the Jewish Theatrical Guild of America was held at the Hotel Commodore Sunday. The guests included Augustus Thomas, Col. Walter Scott, Pedro de Cordoba, Jacob Adler, Joseph L. Buttenweiser, the Rev. Dr. John Atkinson, Arthur Lehman, S. L. Rothafel, Frank Gillmore, Rabbi B. A. Tintner, George M. Cohan, Jefferson Seligman, Jimmy Walker, Sophie Irene Loeb, Commissioner Levy, William Collier and a representative of His Eminence Patrick Joseph Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York.

The entertainment was arranged by Eddie Cantor, who headed the dinner committee as chairman of entertainment, and who also acted as master of ceremonies. The list of entertainers included Fanny Brice, Will Rogers, Ann Pennington, the Four Marx Brothers, Brox Sisters, Orville and Patti Harrold, Avon Comedy Four, Emil Boreo, Ben Bornie and his Hotel Roosevelt Orchestra, Gladys Rice, Cliff Edwards (Ukelele Ike), Belle Baker, Ted Lewis and His Parody Club Orchestra, Houdini, Cantor, Joseph Rosenblatt, Harlan Dixon, George Olsen and His "Kid Boots" Orchestra, Clark and McCullough, Yvette Rugel, Horton Spur and the Russian Meistersinger Quartet.

Among the societies that were present were: the Jewish Federation, the Actors' Equity Association, Catholic Actors' Guild, Episcopal Actors' Guild, National Vaudeville Artists, Lambs' Club, Green Room Club, Friars' Club, the Theatre Assembly and the Cheese Club.

POLISH CHASIDIM ATTRACTED TO PALESTINE

The Zionist ideal has not penetrated into the large portion of Polish Jewry, known as the Chasidim. There are still tens of thousands of Jews in Eastern Europe who are loyal followers of the teachings of Israel Baal Shem, and who live a life quite apart from the rest of Jewry. The love for Palestine was present with them as it was with all other Jews, but that love was not given expression in deed or word. The Zionist movement did not affect them, for the reason that its early protagonists were not only outside of their class, but were even regarded as undesirable from the standpoint of Jewish religious life and thought.

Of late, however, due to a variety of circumstances, the Hasidim of Poland began to show an interest in the movement and some of their foremost rabbis and leaders made special trips to the Holy Land and made considerable investments there. The economic conditions in Poland, the policy of the present government there to cut off all sources of making a livelihood from the Jews and the difficulty connected with emigration to other lands probably helped to make the movement more appealing to many of the Polish Chasidim. We have already described in these columns the establishment of a textile town by manufacturers from Lodz. Now comes the information of the establishment of several agricultural settlements on the co-operative basis, most of the supporters of this enterprise being Chasidic Jews. The first tract of land, consisting of 15,000 dunams, has already been purchased and 180 families, most of whom being in good circumstances, are now ready to proceed to Palestine. The establishment of this colony will have a tremendous effect upon the Chasidim in Poland, and it is expected that large numbers of them who have already formed themselves in some kinds of organizations, will soon make the necessary arrangements for the purchase and settlement of several other colonies in Palestine.

Another interesting feature in the stream of immigration into Palestine from Poland is brought out by a correspondent of the Jewish Daily News. Several of the old seats of learning of Lithuania and of Poland are preparing to transfer their seats to various centres in Jerusalem. One of the first institutions to move over to Palestine was the Slobodka Yeshibah, which is now located in Hebron. An American Jew, a Mr. Harris, is building a house there for the institution and a fund is being raised by him to insure the future maintenance of the Yeshibah. The famous Lomza Yeshibah will soon be transferred to Petach Tikvah and a house is in the process of construction there for the purpose. Another Yeshibah, under the name of Agudath ha-Torah, has recently been opened in Tel Aviv, while similar institutions are in the process of being organized in Safed and in Tiberias. The tendency appears to be to divert the multiplying of such institutions in Jerusalem and to establish them in provincial towns, probably because of the many distracting elements that Jerusalem may possess for the recent immigrant.

A group of Polish Jewish butchers are planning to establish in Palestine a large abattoir, and to establish there stock yards for the preparation of all kinds of meats for export as well as for home consumption.

JEWISH WORKINGMEN MUST HAVE DIPLOMAS

Following upon the ruling that deprives many Jews from the concessions which they held from the government in certain monopoly articles, which is bringing economic ruin to thousands of Jewish families, there comes now another attempt on the part of the Polish chauvinists aiming at the impoverishment of the Polish-Jewish workingmen. A new law is to be introduced into the Seim by which all workingmen must have a diploma from the Labour Union (Czech) in order that he may ply his trade. It is almost certain that this will pass the Seim and in the Senate, because both bodies have now a large number of anti-Semites. The Labour Union in Poland is an old organization characterized by mediaeval laws and regulations and its leaders are all of the anti-Semitic type, so that it is certain that very few Jews will be granted the title of master workman if they are given the power to determine that. For centuries now, these unions or guilds did not admit Jews to membership, and it is not likely that they will change their policy now. If this project becomes law, hundreds of thousands of Jews will be deprived of their livelihood. The Jewish deputies have been preparing with arguments and statistics to prove the terrible hardships that this law will bring upon their constituents, but it is hardly likely that they will succeed in blocking the passage of the bill.

The terrible taxes that are being imposed upon all businesses and the monopolies controlled by the government will so aggravate the condition of the Jews in Poland that existence will become almost impossible there. It is due to this economic crisis that the desire for emigration has so greatly increased on the part of the Jews. The more wealthy find their way to Palestine, but the poorer classes are most surely tried now and the problem is growing more and more perplexing.

The Warsaw Rabbinate has decided to convene a conference of all Polish rabbis early in February. Over eight hundred rabbis are expected to participate in the conference.

MR. SOKOLOW TO VISIT POPE

Mr. Nahum Sokolow, who has been traveling in Europe in the interests of Zionism, was expected to visit Rome. It was reported that he would probably be received both by the Pope and by Mussolini and discuss with them problems relating to Palestine. The Rumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Duca, has addressed a most encouraging letter to Mr. Sokolow in which he expressed the hope that Rumania has for speedy realisation of the Zionist ideal, and says that the government will not hinder the work of collecting funds in Rumania for that purpose.

An article in the Observatore Romano, the official paper of the Vatican, published an anonymous article recently, purported to come from Jerusalem, in which the Jewish immigrants into Palestine are described. The author speaks of three classes of immigrants: The idealists, who are enthusiastic Zionists, adventurers, who come there without any historic or religious feelings, and who will probably not remain there very long, and literary men, who expect to obtain jobs with the Zionist administration. The majority of the immigrants, according to the correspondent, are poor, because the rich Jews prefer to remain in the lands of exile and live there in comfort.

THE FUNERAL OF THE BURNED TORAHS

If any one believes religion is dead in this world, let him read this account in a Rumanian newspaper of what happened in the town of Ploesti, when an accident destroyed the Torah rolls in the Jewish synagogue, writes Dorothy Thompson in a letter from Vienna to the "Public Ledger."

"The Funeral of the Torah Rolls"

"In Ploesti a few days ago, nine Torah rolls in the Jewish synagogue were burned, due to a short circuit in the electric light system.

Only the charred remains of the Torah were rescued by the firemen. The accident awakened indescribable excitement in the city and called forth an extraordinary mourning. The president of the Jewish community immediately called a meeting, and it was decided to bury the Torah according to Jewish rites.

"The burial was made at 10 o'clock in the morning. Each charred Torah was wound in a talith and carried to the cemetery under a pall. Nine Jews were pallbearers and the chief rabbi walked ahead, chanting the Psalms. The enormous crowd which followed also chanted the Psalms after him. Behind the bier an uninjured Torah was carried, which was taken for this purpose from a smaller synagogue. All shops and places of business were closed for the day, and the Rumanian inhabitants of a different religion, also closed shop as a sign of sympathy in the mourning.

"In a mausoleum in the cemetery the Torah was laid upon a long, black table. Then came a moving moment. The chief rabbi looked impressively round upon the great throng that penetrated the mausoleum and stood outside the door, and asked each person solemnly to search his heart, to ask himself whether he had not sinned, and thus caused God, in His wrath, to visit such a fearful affliction upon the community. The second speaker was the president of the Jewish community who began with a prayer, during which the throng smote their breasts and wept openly. He exhorted the parish to cast their sins from them, for surely this was a punishment for sins. Another rabbi prayed, 'Almighty God, why hast Thou let me live to see this day? A quarter of a century have I prayed each Sabbath and read the Scriptures from these rolls. And for twelve years we have had no baths, where we might perform our ritualistic ablution. For twelve years we have pleaded that we had no money for this work, yet we have found money for other worldly purposes. Forgive us, O God, This punishment has pointed the way; we will reform.'

"During this prayer a weeping arose as if for some universally beloved dead one. Eighteen women swooned. Others rent their clothing in their religious grief. The Torah was carried then, three times around the cemetery, while the chief cantor chanted Psalm 119. The Torah was buried in the grave of the eldest rabbi of the community and a marble slab erected over the grave. After the funeral the community immediately had an executive sitting and resolved to erect the ritual baths without delay."

Here Is Just an Everyday Story from the Federation. It Tells Why Federation Needs Your Dues

A WHITE-HAIRED MOTHER AND HER MUSICAL CHILDREN

M. FAMILY, TUBERCULAR

Father, mother, six children. All tubercular; one boy idiot.

The M. family came to Canada eighteen years ago from Russia. Mr. M. was a twine-maker. Eight years ago he became ill, later developed into a T.B. case. Mrs. M. tried valiantly to make a living by opening a little drygoods store. Business did not go; meanwhile Mrs. M. was examined and found to be a T.B. case also.

The M. family came to the attention of the Family Welfare Board through the Federation in 1919. They were started in a general store. Mr. M. was in the Weston sanitarium. The business did not go, and gradually each child had to go to the preventorium for chest improvement. The family was helped intermittently with coal and cash.

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Mrs. M. applied for Mother's Allowance but was refused since man was not yet totally incapacitated. The Family Welfare Board began paying regularly $10.00 weekly from which the rent is paid.

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Case re-investigated. Children found to be attending S.C.H. and Western Hospital chest clinics; all anaemic. Woman attending Toronto General Hospital clinic; she is pale and undernourished. One boy is home from Orillia, emaciated and anaemic. All the children are fine, intelligent and musical. One boy learning the plumbing trade at the technical school; another boy studying the violin, and a little girl studying piano from teachers who do not charge for their lessons. The children play beautifully.

The Family Welfare Board is now paying the family $10.00 a week net for food; sending two quarts of milk daily; $20.00 per month rent. It supplies warm underclothing and shoes and rubbers, and insists upon the family living in a whole house of six rooms where coal is sent for proper warmth. Efforts are being made to have the mental defective placed back in Orillia.

Talmud Torah Campaign Nearing Completion

Total contributions amounting to $19,000.00 have been received thus far for the Building Fund of the Toronto Hebrew Free School.

M. Gelber headed the list with an additional subscription of $1,500.00, and D. Dunkelman, Henry Greisman and I. Cohen, of D'Arcy Street, followed with additional subscriptions of $1,000.00 each. Sam Kronick added $750.00 to the amount already given by him previously. The $500 subscribers consisted of I. Brodey, Messrs. Rotenberg and Yolles, L. Gelber and B. Smith.

The team consisting of S. Kronick, E. Pullan, G. Solway and J. Schwartz brought in the largest amount thus far with a total of $2,033. Coming second was the team comprising M. Gelber, M. Weinstock and H. Greisman which brought in $1,350. The I.O.B.B. came third with an amount of $1,061.

Among the women's divisions, the Talmud Torah Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Levine, Mrs. Schecter and Mrs. Kling, was first with an amount of $640. The second leading woman's team was the Central Chapter Hadassah, headed by Mrs. Abramowitz and Mrs. Wolfson, which brought in $551.50. Third among leading teams was the Beaches Ladies' Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. L. R. Wolfe, which brought in close to $300.

Among the workers in team No. 38, Congregation Goel Tzedek Women's Auxiliary, who were not previously mentioned are: Mesdames P. James, B. Levinne, M. Mirochnick, M. Perlman, J. Andrews and Globerman.

The Business Men's Committee still has a number of people to interview.

Gratifying results have been secured in the enrollment of membership, but this has been set aside for the time being in order to finish the more important work of completing the building. A minimum of $30,000 is needed immediately in order to go ahead with the construction plans, and of this amount approximately $11,000 is still needed.

Among the subscriptions to date are: M. Gelber, $1,500; I. Cohen, $1,000; H. Greisman, $1,000; D. Dunkelman, $1,000; American Hat Co., $750; I. B[illegible], $500; Rotenberg & Yolles, $500; L[illegible]

Cloak Co., $300; M. D. Pullan & Sons, $300; H. Clavir, $300; E. Pullan, $250; Bank of Commerce, $250; D. Lavine, $200; M. L. Willinsky, $200; London Hat Co., $200; Royal Cloak Co., $200; S. J. Birnbaum, $200; United Press, Ltd., $200; Elly Marks, $200; Joe Schwartz, $200; H. Mendelson, $200; Cohen & Cohen, $200; M. Granatstein & Sons, $200; A. Samuel, $130; S. Godfrey, $100; S. Reider, $100; J. Samuels, $100; J. S. Goldenberg, $100; P. Goldenberg, $100; L. Abramovitz, $100; Meyer Brenner, $100; Max Wexler, $100; Mrs. G. Solway, $100; Peerless Shirt Co., $100; Rev. M. Kaplan and sons, $100; J. Harris, $110; Modern Laundry Co., $100; H. Adelberg, $100; M. Abramowitz, $100; A. Englander, $100; L. Chankin, $100; Mrs. B. Weiss, $100; D. Wilson (National Leather Goods), $100; A. Berger, $100; A. Rosenthal, $100; Judge Cohen, $100; M. Axler & Co., $100; Birnbaum & Bohnen, $100; Mrs. L. Dunkelman, $100; M. H. Einstein, $100; M. Hochman, $100; William Krangle, $100; H. Mehr, $100; S. Bennett, $75; Harold Levi, $75; Mark Cohen, $75; D. A. Abramowitz, $65; J. Pomerantz, $55; L. White & Sons, $50; A. Levin Fur Co., $50; Dr. Solway, $50; Chas. Wecksler, $50; Hanisch Witkin & Co., $50; Mrs. M. Perlman, $50; Abrahams Bros., $50; Ontario Cap Co., $50; F. Rogers, $50; Percy Shulman, $50; M. Stone, $50; George Yavner, $50; Etna Cloak Co., $50; Canadian Panama Hat Co., $50; D. Davis, $50; M. Gebirtig, $50; S. Levine, $50; Oxford Clothing Co., $50; M. Frankford, $50; Punch Cigar Co., $50; J. Rashkofsky, $50; M. Rotenberg, $50; S. Skolnick, $50; A. Schaffer, $50; Maple Leaf Cloak Co., Ltd., $100.

According to an order issued by the district governor in Lithuania, all foreign-born Jews or those born in the part of Lithuania now belonging to Poland, should leave the country.

The Brazilian Government is endeavouring to attract Polish Jews to emigrate to Brazil. The Polish Emigration Office sent a delegation to Brazil to investigate [illegible] there and bring a report.

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HERZL ZION CLUB

Dr W. E. Blatz, Department of Psychology, University of Toronto, will lecture at the club-rooms, Sunday February 8, at 8.30 p.m. on "Dreams." Music. Public invited.

Literary committee has arranged a series of Friday night lectures to be delivered by the Club members. The first was given by Dr. Chas. Markowitz on "Assimilation and Digestion of Food."

The next will be given by A. C. Solomon Friday evening, February 6, on "The Constitutional Relationship between Canada and Great Britain." Friends invited. Valentine dance, February 15. Tickets for the Herzl Smile Revue at the club-rooms.

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Sabbath Services

Saturday, February 7, 10.15 a.m., Rabbi Brickner will preach on "The Miracles of the Bible—What Should Be Our Modern Attitude Toward Them?"

Sisterhood

Sisterhood meets Tuesday afternoon, February 10, at 2:30, in Synagogue Chambers, 115 Bond Street. Mrs. B. R. Brickner will report on the Convention of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods in St. Louis, which she attended as a delegate. Tea and refreshments. New members invited.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class, Rabbi Brickner, Tuesday, 4:15 p.m., Synagogue Chambers. Boys and girls fourteen years of age and over are eligible.

Monday Club

Monday evening, February 9, at 8:15, Synagogue Chambers. Larsen's "The Philosopher's Stone" will be reviewed by the Rabbi.

Personals

Addresses by Rabbi Brickner are to the Social Workers of Toronto; Protestant Churches of Uxbridge, Ontario; The Women's Canadian Club, Hamilton; Central Methodist Church, Toronto; Carman Memorial Church, Toronto; The Women's Canadian Club, Stratford.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, GOEL TZEDEK

The Women's Auxiliary met Monday evening, February 2. Reports.

To mark Chamisho Osor B'Shvat ten Herzl Trees were bought, five of these in the names of Sylvia Samuel, Michael Samuel, Howard Himel, Anna Schlein and Paul Alter Rubin.

Bridge and whist, Wednesday, February 25, at the Zionist Institute, to raise pledge to Keren Hayesod; convener, Mrs. B. Forer. Annual banquet and dance of the Auxiliary in the vestry rooms, Sunday, March 8; convener, Mrs. L. Smith.

A committee was appointed to collect subscribers' dues for Federation of Jewish Philanthropies: Mrs. M. H. Keyfetz, Mrs. B. Forer, Mrs. H. Rubin, Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. J. Stein.

Letters of condolence to be sent to Mrs M. Cohen Mrs. Philip Rosenberg. Refreshments. Hostesses: Mrs. B. M. Speyer, Mrs. D. Kopman, Mrs Globerman, Mrs. J. Miller.

MEN OF ENGLAND AUXILIARY

In commemoration of their seventh anniversary the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hebrew Men of England Congregation, gave a supper and dance in the hall. The tables held tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. About 200 sat down to supper. Convener Mrs. Sagman; hostesses, Mrs. S. Clapham, Mrs. Abramowitz, Mrs. H. Caplan, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Rose, and Mrs Niman. Misses B. Clapham, L. Silverstone, Mrs. R. Cainer and Mrs. Ketson presided over the tables. A birthday cake was auctioned and bought by R. Bennet.

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HADASSAH

At the meeting of the Deborah Chapter a week ago, the silk cushion raffled was won by Miss Betty Greisman, Hilton Avenue. Mrs. A. B. Bennett drew the number. Mrs. Bennett spoke on Hadassah and Zionism to Deborah Chapter at their last meeting.

The Western Chapter first annual theatre night at the Comedy Theatre, Monday, March 30. A member of the Chapter will appear with the Cameron Matthews players that evening. Plan and seat sale open February 17.

The National Fund Committee have arranged for a Purim masquerade ball in the Auditorium of the New Talmud Torah Community Centre, Brunswick Avenue, on the eve of Purim, Monday March 9.

The committee is composed of delegates and conveners from every Zionist society and Hadassah chapter in Toronto. S. Rogul, chairman of National Fund; Mrs. M. Wolfson, chairman of National Fund for Hadassah.

National Fund box collections last week:

Collected by Mrs. Posen, Central Chapter—Mrs. Dolgoff, $1.00; Mrs. Wainer, 50c.; Mrs. Friedman, 50c.; Mrs. Stern, 73c.; Mrs. Pollack, $1.10; Mrs. Hyman, $1.00; Mrs. Tupperman, 25c.; Mrs. Pobedsky, 50c.; Mrs. Adelstein, $1.00; Mrs. Rotenberg, 35c.; Mrs. Bocher, 25c.; Mrs. Tomashinsk, 25c.; Mrs. Weisman, 25c.; Mrs. Sendemowitz, 50c.; Mrs. Goldberg, 25c.; Mrs. Shumacher, 25c.

Collected by Mrs. Fink, Central Chapter—Mrs. Storam, 85c.; Mrs. Katz, 25c.; Mrs. Orenstein, 50c.; Mrs. Sheffer, $1.00; Mrs. Weil, 60c.

A National Fund tree in the name of Moishe Melville Goldberg, born November 10, Herzl Girl Chapter.

The mascots are holding a debate and musicale at the Zionist Building, February 14, at 4 o'clock for the mascots and their friends.

A joint meeting of Hadassah Chapters will be held on Chamisho Osor B'Shvat, Monday evening, February 9, at the Zionist Institute. Dr. Yehuda Kaufman of New York, will speak. Music.

MATERNITY AID

The Hebrew Maternity Aid Society met at the Zionist Institute last Tuesday evening, January 27, where Prof. Peter Sandiford talked on "Can Intelligence Be Tested?" Reports from the Case, Serving, Eyeglass and Home, and School Council Committees were read.

Report on the Bazaar, March 5, at the Talmud Torah Building, Brunswick Avenue. New booths alloted: Linen, Goel Tzedek Synagogue Auxiliary; amusement, Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Auxiliary; apron, Henry Street Auxiliary; notions, Mrs. H. Dworkin, Eva Schumer, Edith Dvoretzsky, Fanny and Ellen Dworkin; gift shop, Book and Service Club.

MENORAH SOCIETY

Messrs. Pusitz and R. Breslin are the two debaters who have survived through the series of elimination debates held to determine the representatives of the University of Toronto Menorah Society in the annual tilt with the McGill Chapter. Special mention was made by the judges of Miss Ruth Rotenburg and H. Moscoe. An additional debate will be held in Toronto between these four debaters on the subject picked for the final debate, "Resolved that the Jews of the Diaspora, while continuing to lend material aid to the upbuilding of Palestine, should leave its political, social and religious structure to be determined by the inhabitants of that country alone."

LAICOS CLUB

The Laicos Club entertained for members and friends on Saturday evening at the home of Miss Ethel Wintrope, High Park Avenue. Among those present were Misses Beatrice Zeldin, Fanny Feldman, Ida Wilson, Mary Allander, Josephine Johnson, Rose Madonick, and Ethel Wintrope; and G. Mannis, H. Lavine, F. Baker, Palter, H. Timmins, Dickler and I. Lubinsky.

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MEN'S AUXILIARY ELECTION

About one hundred people representing thirty organizations were present at a meeting of the Mount Sinai Hospital Men's Auxiliary at the Zionist Building, Monday evening, February 2. Max Clavir was elected president; I. Corb vice-president; M. Spiegel, Grace Street Treasurer; D. Kurtzer, Grace Street financial secretary.

SHOWERS FOR PURIM BAZAAR

A shower by the Galla Girls' Society for the Post Office and Pocket Lady at the home of Miss Homickman, 228 Beverley Street, Sunday afternoon, February 8, for the Purim Bazaar in aid of the Mothers' and Babes' Summer Rest Home.

Notion shower at the home of Mrs. H. Dworkin, 20 Northcliffe Boulevard, Sunday afternoon, February 8.

Charity tea at the home of Lillie Weinberg, 30 St. Ann's Road, Sunday afternoon, February 8, by the Ten Silver Links Society.

Towel shower, Sunday afternoon, February 15, at the home of Mrs. J. Sherman, 26 Wells Hill.

Richard Strauss, the composer, who recently resigned from the directorship of the Vienna Staatsoper and whose latest opera, "Intermezzo," based on marital troubles in his own household, was presented with great success in Dresden, has finished a new opus, called Der Konigsleutnant. Hugo von Hoffmansthal, the celebrated poet, who has written most of the librettos for Strauss, is responsible for this one too. He has taken the central idea from a comedy by Gutzkow.

TORONTO SOCIAL

All Society Items and other local notes should be communicated to the office of the Review by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon in order to appear in the current week's issue. Wedding and engagement announcements will not be printed unless they bear the telephone number of the sender. Telephones Adelaide 7628-7629.

B. Frankel, of Montreal, who was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Levy, 410 Jarvis Street, for a week, has returned home.

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Miss Lillian Lorie, Claredon Avenue, has returned home from Montreal, where she was the guest of Miss Reba Levinson.

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Miss Mayer, Jarvis Street, is in New York City.

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Mrs. Charles Draimin, Howland Avenue, and Mrs. Theodure King, of Whitby, are spending a week in Montreal.

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Mrs. William Leibel, Admiral Road, entertained at bridge Wednesday evening.

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The Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity gave a dinner dance at the King Edward Hotel, on Thursday evening last. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Fogler, Misses Gertrude Greisman, Ethel Mehr, Helen Lavine, Mildred Lubelsky, Albeana Simonsky, Evelyn Moskowitz, Rita Cooper, Bessie Fremes, Mirian Moyer, of Detroit, and Florence King, Harry Fogler, Moe Rosenfeld, Pincus Mehr, Lawrence Kert, Harold Levy, Murray Cooper, George Cooper, Bert Cooper, Max Cooper and Lawrence Finberg.

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Mrs. William Rosenthal, Wells Hill Avenue, gave a bridge, Thursday afternoon last.

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Mrs. J. Pullan, Northcliffe Boulevard, entertained at bridge on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Miss Mirian Moyer, of Detroit, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Norman Helpert, Austin Terrace, has returned home.

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Mrs. Sidney Jacobs, of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. De Young Greenberg, Wright Avenue, for two months.

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Mrs. I. Centner, Indian Road, entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon, in honor of her niece, Miss Betty Cooper, of Bangor, Maine. Prizes were won by Misses Sarah Solway, Pearl Finberg and Lottie Brenner. Miss Mirian Moyer, of Detroit and Miss Betty Cooper were presented with guest prizes.

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Mrs. Harry Simonsky, Grimthorpe Avenue, gave a tea on Thursday in honor of Miss Lillian Waldman, a bride-elect of this month.

Omega Chapter, Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, held their semi-monthly tea-dance at the Chapter House, St. George Street, on Sunday afternoon. The guests were Misses Ethyle Rosenthal, Helen Lubelsky, Anne Kaufman, Freda Schwartz, Rebecca Appel, Francis Stein, Lottie Brenner, Marcia Andrews, Lillian Razminsky, Janice Rosenthal, Dorothy Lipschitz and Frances Geldzaeler.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. Tasken, of Rochester, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Dinaberg, Galley Avenue, have left for Montreal.

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The Lady Magnus Girls' Club, entertained at a bridge and shower on Thursday evening last at the Carls-Rite Hotel in honor of Miss Dorothy Wolavitz, a bride-elect of this month. Prizes were won by Misses Pearl Lerner, Ethel Roth and Faye Wolavitz. Misses Sarah Gordon and Faye Wolavitz gave a miscellaneous shower and bridge on Sunday afternoon, at the home of the former on Euclid Avenue, in honor of Miss Wolavitz. Prizes were won by Misses Etta Kamin, Sylvia Rivkin and Bertha Lipson.

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Mrs. A. Berkowitz, of New York, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Coffler, Parliament Street.

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Mrs. A. Press, Lauder Avenue, was hostess at a bridge and luncheon, Wednesday last. The table was done with spring flowers in a silver bowl and tall silver candlesticks. Covers were laid for twenty eight. Prizes were won by Mrs. Rotstein, Mrs. Soren, Mrs. Neveren, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. White. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. H. Manais and Mrs. J. Brondy.

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Mrs. Charles Wagman and Mrs. William Wolfish were joint hostesses at a bridge and miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Anna Grossman, a bride-elect of this month.

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Hilly Cass, of St. John, N.B., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cass, Ashworth Avenue.

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Mrs. Harold Kaplan and Mrs. D. L. Harris gave a linen shower and bridge on Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Minnie Polakoff, a bride-elect of this month.

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Mrs. R. E. Freeman, Gorevale Avenue, entertained twenty-two children and their mothers, Saturday afternoon, in honor of the fifth birthday of her son, Herschel. The table was centred with daffodils, and the decorations were carried out in yellow and mauve. Each child was presented with a favor. The children were: Bert, Harold, Lawrence and Milton Sheff, Lorretta and Helen Yolles, Norman Englander, Adele Gluklick, Stanley and Bany Dickson; Anita Miller, Audrey Cohen, Helen Solomon, Arthur Resnick, Queenie Davis Harry and Frank Ison, Della Pisko, Irving Liss, Irving Goldenberg, June Gallman. Assistants were Mrs. T. Sheffe, Misses Esther Solomon, Lena Greenberg and Eva Datz.

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Miss Frances Wilson, Indian Road, entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon.

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Mrs. H. Paulin, 802 College Street, entertained at bridge Friday afternoon. Two tables were played. Prizes were won by Mrs. Eisman and Mrs. T. Cohen.

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Solomon Berkovitz, tenor, sang for the Women's Press Club recently.

Misses Sarah Solway and Sadie Hartman gave a theatre party on Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Lillian Waldman, a bride elect of this month.

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Harold Kaplan, Lansdowne Apartments, spent a few days in Detroit.

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Miss Sadye Brody, Walmer Road, entertained at bridge Wednesday evening last. Four tables were played and prizes won by Misses Fannie Goodman and Sonya Massey. Guest prizes were presented to Mrs. Irving Greisman, of New York, and Miss Pauline Gould, of Ottawa.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Dinaberg, Galley Avenue, were at home Sunday afternoon in honor of the bar-mitzvah of their son, Allan. Mrs. Dinaberg received 150 guests. Mrs. Harry Kauffman looked after the guests. Mrs. I. Helpert and Mrs. G. Fauman assisted the hostess. The table was covered

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Marcy Lapides, of Rochester N.Y., was the guest of the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, over the week end.

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Mrs. D. G. Benson, Palmerston Boulevard, left on January 24 on a trip to Syracuse, New York and Lakewood, N.Y.

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Mrs. G. Paskowitz gave a kitchen shower in honor of Miss Anna Grossman, a bride-elect of this month.

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Miss Eva Collis, of Oshawa, has returned home after spending a few weeks with her cousin, Miss Anne Finsten, Wells Hills Avenue.

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Mrs. E. Finsten, Wells Hill Avenue, is visiting her sister, Mrs. I. Collis, of Oshawa.

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The Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity gave a smoker Tuesday night last to two of the Jewish Fraternities on the campus. The guests were the Alpha Omega Fraternity and the Phi Delta Epsilon Fraternity. Matters of interest to fraternities were discussed.

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Mrs. S. Dalgorf, Patricia Drive, gave a bridge and dance on Saturday evening, in honour of Miss Hilda Dalgorf, of Montreal. Prizes were won by Miss Dollie Levinter and Herb Birnbaum. Ten couples were present.

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Miss Mollie Solway, Lakeview Avenue, left for an extended trip to New York, to visit relatives and friends.

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Miss Sarah Lieberman, Clinton Street, entertained at bridge Tuesday afternoon last in honour of her cousin, Miss Evelyn Candel, of New York. Prizes were won by Miss Dorothy Yanover, Mrs. S. Silverberg; consolation, Miss Lillian Golden, of New York.

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Mrs. C. H. Shalit and daughter, Leona, of Detroit, are the guests of her sisters, Misses Greisman, Hilton Avenue.

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Mrs. M. Mehr, Lyndhurst Avenue, gave a dinner on Sunday evening.

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Miss Florence Finberg, Brunswick Avenue, entertained at bridge Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. A. E. Hart, Barton Street, entertained at bridge Wednesday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. Shapiro, Tyndall Avenue, entertained Dr. Nathaniel Silverman, of Patterson, N.J., at dinner on Friday evening last.

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Mrs. J. J. Dubey, Arlington Avenue, entertained at bridge Tuesday afternoon.

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A dinner party for ten guests was given at the Queen's Hotel on Sunday evening, in honour of Miss Ray Meyers, of Peoria, Ill.

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Mrs. S. Helpert, Cedarvale Mansions, entertained at bridge on Thursday afternoon, in honour of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Bernstein, of Boston.

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Miss Jennie Draimin, Beverley Street, entertained at bridge Wednesday evening last.

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Mrs. D. P. Rockmaker, Bloor Street West, entertained Sunday evening in honour of Miss Lillian Waldman, a bride-elect of this month.

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Miss Evelyn Candel, of New York, has returned home after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. I. Leiberman, Clinton Street.

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Dr. and Mrs. I. L. Himelstein, Pinewood Avenue, invited a few friends in Sunday evening to meet Mrs. A. Slone, of Ottawa.

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Miss Rose Fauman, of Hamilton, was the guest of Miss Dollie Levinter, Palmerston Boulevard, over the week-end.

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Mrs. H. Dean, Grace Street, entertained at bridge Wednesday evening last. Five tables were played and prizes won by Mrs. H. Lewis, Mrs. A. Pivnick, Misses Minnie Taube and Yetta Gilbert.

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Mrs. S. H. Adman, Glenholme Avenue, is visiting Mrs. F. H. Sinclair of Ottawa for a few weeks.

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Mrs. A. Slone and son, Morton, of Ottawa, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Goldstick, Northcliffe Boulevard.

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Mrs. Louis Stone, of Hamilton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brody, Borden Street. Mr. Stone will spend the week-end with them.

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Mrs. L. Soren, High Park Boulevard, entertained at bridge on Wednesday evening. Six tables were played.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sapera, Lauder Avenue, spent the week-end in New York.

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Miss Frances Schaffer, Palmerston Boulevard, gave a bridge on Sunday afternoon last in honour of Miss Elizabeth Waldo, of Chicago. Prizes were won by Misses Anne Brody and Claire Rosenthal.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. White, 366 Palmerston Boulevard, were at home on Sunday, their fifteenth wedding anniversary. Mrs. White received the guests, at the entrance to the drawing room, wearing a gown of white brocaded crepe trimmed with fur and studded with rhinestones. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. Espar, of Detroit, wearing a gown of black crepe romaine. The tables were decorated with daffodils, tulips and smilax. The ladies were presented with favours. Covers were laid for seventy-five guests. An orchestra played. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Espar, Jack Espar, Mrs. N. Rouff and children, Loraine and Stewart, all of Detroit.

HOME OPENS

The opening of The Young Maccabaean Home, 108-110-112 D'Arcy Street, takes place Sunday, February 15. For further particulars phone M. Lipson, Ad. 0979.

EZRAS NOSHEM

The Ezras Noshem Society met January 27, at the Zionist Institute, Mrs. Greenberg in the chair. It was decided to run a whist and shower Tuesday, February 17, for the coming bazaar, which takes place at the Men of England Congregation Chambers on February 23.

There will be twenty tables played, with a prize for each table. Refreshments.

Mrs. Shaul and Mrs. Long will take charge of the noodles and pastry booth; Mrs. Konig, Mrs. Litchman and Mrs. Foster the hardware booth. The Nariaver Ladies' Society are donating a booth, which will be in charge of Mrs. Taxler, convener.

JEWISH BOYS' CLUB

On Sunday, February 1, a concert was held in the Assembly Hall of the club house for all the boys in the Men of David Groups. Programme: violin solo, Max Sherman, Mr. Golloin's group; coon dialogue, Sam Pearl and Sam Rosenfarb, Mr. Otis' group; recitation, Daniel Rosenberg, Mr. Otis' group; and selections by the club orchestra.

The feature was a talk on birds by Stuart Thompson, an expert on birds.

This was the first of a series of Sunday night concerts arranged by the Junior Board of Governors with the help of the Boys' Cabinet.

At a meeting of the Boys' Parliament, Sunday afternoon, it was reported that clubs for stamp collecting, dramatics, and debating and public speaking are being formed.

REBEKAH LODGE

Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 237, I.O.O.F., installed these officers Tuesday, January 27:

Mrs. L. Palter, Jr.P.N.G.; elective officers: Miss Lena Greenberg, Noble Grand; Miss Ida Wilson, Vice-Grand; Mrs. Rose Brown, recording secretary; Miss Ethel Caller, financial secretary; Mrs. H. Englander, treasurer; appointed officers: Miss Esther Solomon, warden; Miss Bertha Palter, conductor; Mrs. A. Cohen, chaplain; Mr. Sol. Greenberg, R.S.N.G.; Mrs. F. Freeman, L.S.N.G.; Mrs. H. Neverin, R.S.V.G.; Mrs. J. Soiderman, L.S.V.G.; Mrs. Eva Brown, inside guardian; Mr. D. Wilson, outside guardian.

Mrs. Montgomery, D.D.P., and suite conferred the degrees. Willie Solderman played the violin, accompanied by Miss Lavine at the piano; two hundred were served in the banquet room.

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At the CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW office there are two letters for Josef King Pont, marked merely Canada. On the back of one is "Ester Gitel Schaffer in Papielniki Bez Sniatyn, Galicia, mala Polska" and on the other "T. Moses Fermer Tuezapy," with the address the same as the former. If you have any information, send it to the REVIEW, so that these wandering letters may find their owner.

BNAI ZION NEWS

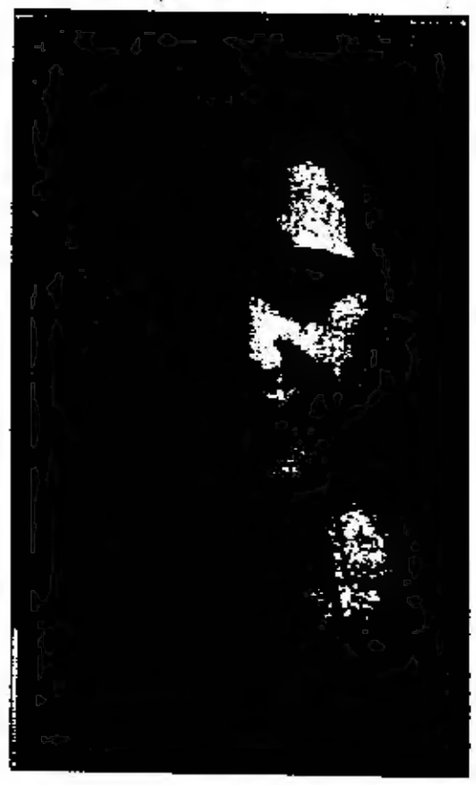
The installation of officers of the Bnai Zion Association took place at a mass meeting at the Zionist Institute on Sunday evening. About five hundred people were present, including members from all Zionist societies, Hadassah chapters, and the Habonim.

Misses Lily and Rosa Bloom played "Hatikvah." Mr. Rogul, the chairman, introduced M. Gelber, who installed these new officers: President, Dr. J. Shayne; vice-president, Mr. Himel; treasurer, Mr. Reider; secretary, Rev. Gringorten; executive, M. Manson, S. Rogul, A. Cash, S. Harris, J. N. Green, Sheffer, Korn, Murofchick, M. Wolfson, I. Wolfson, J. Greenspoon, Lazaresco, M. Hertzman, D. Abromowitz, H. Frankel, Wishlitsky, H. Wilson.

The new officers were led to the installation by the Zion Cadets and the Jewish Boy Scouts, and introduced to the chair by Mr. Abromowitz.

Speeches were delivered by Dr. Shayne, by Mr. Cash on behalf of the executive, by Mr. Smith, president of the Zion Benevolent, by Mr. Lehrer for the Habonim, and by Mrs. Wolfson for Hadassah.

Programme consisted of piano and violin solos by Misses Lily and Rosa Bloom, and songs by Cantor Barkin, accompanied by Miss Enushevsky. Dr. Nadia Orenstein, the guest, gave a talk on her trip to Palestine. A presentation was made Mr. Rogul, retiring president, for work for the Bnai Zion.



Miss Florence Feader

ART STUDENT WINS PRIZE

Miss Florence Feader, 186 Simcoe Street, a student at the Ontario College of Art, was awarded on January 21 first prize in a poster competition held by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

CLUB MEETS

Hebrew Weston Sanitarium Club meets at the home of Mrs. B. Weiss, 595 Huron Street, Tuesday, February 17,

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HIGHER TEA PRICES EXPECTED ANY DAY

The estimated increase in the consumption of tea in 1924 over 1923 has amounted to over thirty-nine million pounds. An increase in production of only seventeen million pounds during the same period has resulted in tea prices advancing in primary markets from ten to fourteen cents per pound since last summer. The price to the consumer to-day is on the basis of much lower primary costs, so a

OBITUARY

Mrs. Pauline Kallmeyer, 94 South Drive, died at her home Friday morning, January 30. She had been a resident of Toronto for thirty years. Mrs. Kallmeyer was born in Clarement, France, and leaves four children, one son, Emmanuel, and three daughters, Misses Essie, Clara and Minnie, the latter the landscape painter. Mrs. Kallmeyer was a member of Holy Blossom Synagogue. For several years it had been her custom to receive friends informally at Purim time when her birthday came, and this Purim would have been her eightieth birthday.

Jacob Herman, of Pilsen (Czecho-Slovakia), died Sunday, January 24, at the age of eighty years. He was the father of Max Hermann, 32 Irwin Avenue.

After three years of illness, Philip Rosenburg died Sunday evening at his residence, 251 Wright Avenue. He had suffered the amputation of both legs and was 'recuperating' when the extensive strain proved too much for his heart. Mr. Rosenburg, who was in his 52nd year, was a resident of Toronto for thirty years. He was a pioneer Zionist and a veteran Free Mason, a life member of Occident Lodge, A.F. & A.M., the sons of Jacob Benevolent Society and other organizations. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon to the St. Clair Avenue East Cemetery. Rabbi Brickner and Cantor Saitz officiated. Members of the Occident, Mount Sinai and Palestine Masonic Lodges were pall-bearers. Mr. Rosenburg is survived by his wife and only daughter, Bessie.

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On Wednesday evening at the Zionist Building the Sing-Song Circle meet under the leadership of Dr. Sam Leslie and Miss Rohamma Segal. This group is open to all members of Young Judaea and meets every second Wednesday evening.

Henry Bockner is in charge of the Bowling League. The second round of the schedule was run off last Thursday evening. The winners of the Indoor Baseball League, the Deborah Circle, have been awarded prizes, special pins, and a party is being held in honour of the team on Saturday evening.

The Chamisho Osor B'shvat celebration will take place Saturday evening at the Zionist Building at 7.30 p.m. The Sara and Leah Circles, under the leadership of Misses Fanny Borsook and Beck Cohen, are staging a play. The Zkivah Boys' Circle are debating the Ruth Circle. The Samson Circle, under the direction of Dr. Leslie, will do group singing. Bags of Palestinian fruit will be sold to those attending the festival. Proceeds go towards planting a tree or several of them in the Herzl forest in Palestine. Parents and friends invited.

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JEWISH COINAGE

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of assimilation and the gradual loss of national independence which had set in again—Queen Alexandra (76-67), Aristobulus II (67-63), and Antigonus (40-37). In 37 B.C.E. Herod became by favour of the Romans, who had conquered Judaea, King of the Jews, but the coins henceforth are Roman with one exception: the coins of the revolt of Bar Kochba in 33 C.E., which was the last stand of the Jews for national independence. With these coins Jewish numismatics comes to an end. Now, after 1,800 years, the Jewish people of Palestine are again to have a system of coinage bearing Jewish inscription and patterned in name after the ancient system.

The thousand years of Jewish existence as a nation in Palestine was not marked by continuous national autonomy or existence. Judaea by geographic location was the Belgium of ancient days, the battlefield for contending empires which flanked her—Egypt and Phoenicia on one side, Assyria, Syria, Babylonia and Persia on the other. Hence the Jews were too often under the suzerainty of one or another of these empires. The short periods of national independence which Judaea enjoyed were marked by Jewish coinage. It was therefore, to be expected that the third re-birth of Jewish political nationhood which we are witnessing in our own time, should also be marked by a system of Jewish coinage.

One thing stands out significantly, and it is this: the people that have become almost synonymous with money in the eyes of the anti-Semites is dedicating itself in Palestine to the most idealistic and romantic undertaking in modern times. It is not money but idealism and the self-sacrifice which idealism induces that is prompting those wonderful pioneers—the Chaluzim—to desert their careers and become again tillers of the soil—roadbuilders. Not a Jewish mint but a Jewish university is our pride in Palestine. We hail Jewish coinage because it is a sign that we have regained our lost status in the eyes of the world as a nation among nations.

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The Council of Jewish Women will give two plays at the Margaret Eaton Extension Thursday evening, February 19. Details next week.

STANDARD

Mme. Bessie Thomashefsky is the guest of honour at the Standard Theatre this Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6.

The comedienne will play "Women's Secrets."

SHEA'S

Pat Rooney and Marion Bent head the bill at Shea's Theatre next week in their new musical comedy, "Shamrock," written by Edgar Allan Woolf, with songs supplied by Cliff Hess and Joseph Santley. "Shamrock" has five scenes. There is a company of twenty, with Eva Mascagno and Pat Rooney's Shamrock Orchestra, with Andy Byrne conducting.

Marie Walsh and Frank Ellis have a skit called "Ours Is a Nice House, Ours Is."

Hawthorne and Cooke are two comedians on a hunting expedition. Their ammunition is called "Make Me Serious."

Boyd Senter with the assistance of Jack Russell at the piano, offers an instrumental concert on the clarinet, trombone, cornet, saxophone and violin.

Other acts are Claudia Alba & Company, Europe's Famous Feminine Athlete, Frank Wilson in "Cycle-ology" and an Æsop's Fable completes the programme.

EMPIRE

Many delightful theatrical features will mark the celebration at the Empire Theatre next week of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Columbia Burlesque. Outstanding in these features will be the "opportunity contests." Local talent will be given an opportunity to show their stage ability. The winners at the evening performances of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights will compete Friday and the one receiving the most applause from the audience will be given one week's booking to appear in conjunction with a burlesque production in this city at a future date. Thursday night a chorus girls' revue will be given. Friday night a midnight show will be offered at which performers appearing at the leading theatres next week will attend. All these nightly attractions will be in addition to the regular performance of the "Best Show in Town," which features the well-known character comedian, Frank Hunter. Lydia Harris, the female Al Jolson, and Inez deVerdier are also stars of the show.

KINGSTON, ONT.

Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah met at the home of Mrs. Morris Yampolsky, and unanimously decided to purchase ten trees to be planted in Palestine, in memory of the late Mrs. Vera Shapiro, a former member.

The certificate for these ten trees has been received from the Federation of Zionist Societies of Canada, and has been framed and presented to Mr. Shapiro by the members of the Chapter.

The annual report of the Government Health Department of Palestine announces that of 21,000 patients treated last year in all hospitals, non governmental, one-third were treated in the hospitals of the Hadassah Medical Unit.

Mrs. Bekhora Rebecca Yahuda, mother of Professor A. S. Yahuda, died in Jerusalem at an advanced age. Besides Professor Yahuda, a son, Mr. I. D. Yahuda, and a daughter, Mrs. Sultana Sasson, both of Jerusalem, survive her.

Senator Georges Raphael Levy has been elected vice-president of the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences for the current year.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, who was here this week, visited Palestine a few years ago and wrote an account of her visit there. She, like ex-Premier Macdonald and other members of the Labour Party, is a friend of the Zionist movement and a supporter of the Balfour Declaration.

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PLANS FOR JEWISH COLONIZATION IN RUSSIA

The agreement between the Government of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and the Agricultural Colonization Department of the Joint Distribution Committee, regulating the committee's activity in the settlement of Jews on land in Soviet Russia, has now been signed in Moscow, with the additional signature of the Central Ministry of Agriculture of the Soviet Republic. The agreement gives the committee complete independence in its work and exclusive control of all sums brought by it into Russia and invested for the colonization of the Jews in Russia. A report of its activities is to be submitted periodically to the Soviet government. The committee is obliged to spend not less than $400,000 during its first year of work, and all members of its personnel will enjoy the rights and privileges of State employees.

Dr. Joseph Rosen, director of the Joint's activities in Soviet Russia, has left Moscow for Berlin. After his return Dr. Rosen will proceed for a short visit to Palestine to inspect the Jewish agricultural colonies and advise on the development of agricultural colonization in the country.

The Department of Agriculture of the Ukraine issued a circular in which the announcement is made that it is expected to settle 3,000 Jewish families in the course of 1925, each family to possess about ten desiatins of land. The settlers will be organized in groups and assigned to various districts not later than next February. The 30,000 desiatins are located in the five provinces of Ukraine, Podolia, Volhynia, Kiev, Tchernigov and Poltava, and were purchased by the government authorities so that there will be no clash with the local police or municipal governments.

The Minister for Agriculture in White Russia, Mr. Pristchepoff, speaking at the Conference of Jewish peasants, which was recently held at Minsk, said that because of the scarcity of arable land in that province the problem of settling Jews on the land there was a most difficult one. More than 30,000 Jews have applied for land in White Russia, but the government had at its disposal not more than 2,500 desiatins of arable land and 1,500 desiatins of semi-arable land. All further grants of land must be made possible by means of reclamation of the swamps, which requires a great deal of money and of labour. The government is prepared to begin the work of reclamation and it is hoped that within the year 10,000 desiatins will become available.

The conference represented about 20,000 Jewish peasants cultivating land in White Russia. It adopted a resolution "rejecting the efforts of the Zionists to distract the attention of the Jewish peasantry and the Jews who intend to take up agricultural work in Soviet lands, by dangling before them a fantastic vision of prospects in Palestine."

The prosecution of Zionists in Russia is still continuing. Many of the Zionists have been sent to Siberia while others are being held in the prisons in various parts of European Russia. Some of the leaders were given very heavy sentences of several years of hard labour at the mines in the outlying districts of Siberia.

The Central Executive Committee of the Armenian Soviet Government has issued a decree stating that Jews wishing to settle on the land to take up agriculture, are to be provided with land for that purpose sufficient to meet their requirements.

PARDON GRANTED HUNGARIAN CRIMINALS

The Hungarian Government has abandoned the proceedings against Lieutenant Hejjas and his associates of the Awakening Magyars who were charged with complicity in sixty-four murders in the Kecskemet district in 1919. The majority of the victims were Jews. The reason for the abandonment of the trial is said to be the amnesty granted to all citizens who committed crimes "on patriotic grounds,

The anti-Semites, headed by Hejjas and Kiss, are forming new armed detachments in an endeavour to impose their policy on Hungary. They are said to contemplate the overthrow of the Bethlen Government, and the installation of Hejjas as dictator. The organization demands the expulsion from the country of all Jews who have settled there since 1900, the confiscation of half of their property, the banning of all Jews from public office, and that they should be prohibited from holding landed property.

PALESTINE JEWS ADOPT ANCIENT BIBLICAL COIN

The dinar, ancient Jewish monetary unit frequently mentioned in Jewish Biblical literature, again will become the monetary unit of the new Palestine. This decision was reached on Monday last at the joint meeting of two commissions appointed by the Palestine Government, representing Palestine Jews and Arabs, for the purpose of choosing a name for the contemplated new currency.

Smaller coins of the Palestine currency will bear two names, one in Hebrew and the other in Arabic. The commissions have agreed to the following: The dinar to be equal in value to one English pound. A coin representing one-tenth of the dinar will be named "shekel" in Hebrew and "miskal" in Arabic; one-twentieth of the dinar will be called "cheszi-ha'shekel" in Hebrew and "half-miskal" in Arabic; one-fortieth of the dinar will be named "darkman" in Hebrew and "dirhem" in Arabic; one-thousandth of a dinar will be named "prutah" in Hebrew and "saif" in Arabic.

The famous French painter, Jules Worms, died in Paris at the age of 92. He has been a Cevalier of the Legion of Honour since 1876.

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A Jewish Lord Mayor of London

Once upon a time, about a year before the Declaration of Independence was written, there was a Jewish merchant in Poland by the name of Phineas Phillips. This time was just about the end of that period known as the "golden age" of the Jews of Eastern Europe.

Phineas Phillips was quite an important figure, the "head man" of the Jewish community of Krotoschin. So highly was he respected that the Prince of Thurn, his overlord, often entrusted to him transactions involving great sums of money. Phineas Phillips travelled all over the Continent, as the whole of Europe is generally called, attending the annual fair at Leipzig and other large cities. These were not pleasure jaunts for him, however. Jewish merchants of those times vied with travelling mountebanks for the patronage of people who attended these fairs. In 1775 the Polish merchant at last included England in his travels. For a time he settled down in London and dealt in indigo and gum. Chemistry was only an "infant industry" at this time—still in its swaddling clothes - and commercial dyes were obtained from an insect like the cochineal bug and vegetable sources such as the indigo plant.

Phineas Phillips died while on a visit to his home town, and reverses to his family must have followed upon his death. At any rate, the musty records of a bygone time do not tell why his son Samuel became a tailor in that City of London where his father had been a commission merchant of some consequence and the confidant of at least one of the reigning princes in Europe.

On January 4, 1811, a son was born to Samuel Phillips who was named Benjamin Samuel Phillips. There were other brothers who became famous in their way, and with the increase in his family the fortunes of Samuel Phillips rose, so that, although he remained a tailor, it was as one of more than ordinary commercial standing.

One of the sons of Samuel Phillips became an actor and as "Austin Cooper" became quite noted in his day. Another son, Maurice, entered the printing business. One of his famous publications was the Festival Prayers, a prayerbook in English and Hebrew, according to the traditional worship. But this prayerbook appeared in weekly instalments as if it were a sort of magazine—devoted to worship.

The Future Lord Mayor Becomes an Errand Boy

The very first position that Benjamin S. Phillips filled was as errand boy for his brother Maurice. Every week it was a part of Benjamin's work to carry copies of the Festival Prayers to the different subscribers. It must have been a heavy bundle for the little boy, for there was a low stone pillar in Portman Square where he regularly used to lay down his load and rest a while. Years later when Benjamin, now Sir Benjamin S. Phillips, had retired from the position of Lord Mayor of London, after a year of service memorable to Christians and Jews alike, he asked and obtained a special favour. As Lord Mayor Sir Benjamin had lived at Leinster Gardens. When he returned to his mansion at Portman Square, the City of London permitted him to set up in his own home the very same block of granite on which he used to rest his heavy parcel of weekly installments of the prayerbook that his brother issued.

As a boy Sir Benjamin attended Neumegen's School which was then at Highgate. This was a famous school of the time which afterwards removed to Kew. His school days must have been happy ones, and the old teacher a kindly master, for years and years later, the Lord Mayor-elect of London wrote a long and loving letter to his old teacher, inviting him to be present at the banquet in the Guild Hall.

When but twenty-two years of age, Benjamin married Miss Rachel Faudel. Shortly afterwards he went into partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Faudel. This was the beginning of the great Berlin Wool Business, for the business grew from a very small beginning to greatness.

The brothers-in-law had so much in common that one sees why their partnership prospered. Not only were they men of business, but they were also lovers of their fellowman and loyal to their ancient faith, to a degree that few have equalled.

Sir Benjamin Watchman of Israel

Benjamin Phillips was foremost in the upbuilding of the Jewish communal life of London. He was one of the founders of the United Synagogue, and only his death kept a very remarkable thing from taking place. This was the joining of reform and orthodox congregations in one congregational union.

There was another side of his life -one thing that led to his international fame. This was politics. But there was nothing sordid to the game of politics as he played it! And in this side of his life he was no less a fighter for Israel, for he fought in public life that all disabilities might be removed that kept the Jew from taking office. England was tolerant of the Jew and well disposed to him. But events move slowly there, and again and again Jews were elected to offices that they could not fill because the oath in taking office read "On the faith of a Christian."

In 1846 Benjamin Phillips was elected a member of the County Council of London. Thus the opening skirmish in the last campaign for Jewish rights in England was won by the Jew! About thirteen years later, the Jewish Emancipation Bill, sponsored by Lord Palmerston, cleared away the remains of an ancient prejudice against the Jew. As if to celebrate that, "Alderman Phillips" was elected Sheriff of London. In 1865 Phillips went another step forward and was elected Lord Mayor of London, the second Jew ever so honoured! There have been seven Jewish Lord Mayors of London, one of them the son of Benjamin Phillips himself.

The Jewish Loyalty of the Lord Mayor

But the Jew was not less Jewish because of the esteem in which his Christian neighbours held him. Whenever a Lord Mayor was elected, a banquet was given on Michaelmas Day in the Guild Hall in honour of the Lord Mayor-elect. We can see how highly his Christian neighbours esteemed him. The sermon that the minister of the city usually preached at St. Lawrence in Old Jewry was delivered instead at the City of London School.

"It was a sermon that might as well have been delivered in a Synagogue," was the comment of the Jewish Chronicle.

Lord Mayor Phillips made an astounding proposal.

"Gentlemen," said he, "this banquet that will be tendered to me on Michaelmas night is on the Eve of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. I ask that this honour be deferred until Tuesday of the following week. I ask this not as Lord Mayor of London but as a Jew whom my fellow-citizens not of the Jewish faith have seen fit to honour."

And this request, without precedent in all London history, in a land where they are very slow to break precedent, was honoured.

Later in the year, when the Easter Monday banquet of London's officialdom came in the Passover season, London's Jewish Lord Mayor postponed the banquet until the week following.

The Lord Mayor Goes to the Synagogue

It was a typical Saturday morning in the City of London, the yellow brightness of the sun lighting up the wetness of the streets, while long lines of traffic moved under the watchful guidance of a lone "bobby" in the middle of the street. Suddenly up went his hand and the traffic in all directions came to a halt. Past the policeman with his hand at salute stepped a conventional enough looking gentleman—no whit different from ten thousand others. He inclined his head as he passed the officer, in recognition of the courtesy extended to him. As soon as he had passed to the sidewalk opposite, the policeman again gave the signal and the roar of the traffic, temporarily held in suspense, resumed its sway.

"Who was that, officer?" asked a bystander, greatly impressed by what he had just seen.

"Him?" and a genial smile lit the honest English features of the London "bobby." "That's His Honour—the Lord Mayor of London—on his way to the synagogue!"

"I suppose that this is something out of the ordinary," hazarded the stranger.

"Bless your heart!" said the policeman. "It's regular; he goes to the synagogue every Saturday morning without fail!"

It so happened that when this one time Jewish Lord Mayor of London died on October 9, 1889, that London had another Jewish Lord Mayor. It was in the spirit of Sir Benjamin's example of Jewish loyalty that this other newly-elected Lord Mayor decided not to walk on Lord Mayor's Day, the day of the inaugural, because it took place on Saturday in this particular year.

Many events marked Sir Benjamin's year [illegible]

visit of the King and Queen of Belgium, the raising of relief funds for the cholera victims in England and the famine victims in India—calls for help and encouragement on the Lord Mayor who cheerfully answered all.

"It is more for the way that you met the call to help the cholera victims than for the accidental circumstance that you entertained so well the King and Queen of the Belgians that Her Gracious Majesty (Queen Victoria) wishes the honour of knighthood to be conferred on you!"

In these words Lord Derby bestowed the knighthood of England on the son of a Jewish tailor, Lord Mayor of London.

WOMEN TO BUILD DORMITORY FOR YESHIVA

The Yeshiva College Building Fund has announced the organization of a woman's committee, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, to raise $250,000 here with which to build a dormitory for the Yeshiva of America.

The dormitory is to be one of five buildings comprising the Orthodox Jewish Seminary and College, which is to be constructed at a cost of $5,000,000 on Amsterdam Avenue, between 186th and 188th Streets. Building operations on the five buildings of the institution will commence this spring.

Mrs. N. H. Ebin, formerly of Buffalo, chairman of the women's committee, announced yesterday that a thousand-dollar club, just organized, already has raised $40,000 toward the $250,000 needed for the dormitory.

Two-thousand-dollar contributors to the club include Mrs. Louis Rosenberg, Mrs. Joseph Spectorsky, Mrs. Jacob Levy and Mrs. Elias Surut. The thousand-dollar club members include Mrs. S. Bernstein, Mrs. C. Joshua Epstein, Mrs. Harry Fischel, Mrs. Leon Fleischmann, Mrs. E. Frank, Mrs. Samuel Friedman, Mrs. Conrad Glazer, Mrs. Pincus Glickman, Mrs. Louis Gold, Mrs. Joseph Golding, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Mendel Gottesman, Mrs. David Kass, Mrs. Samuel Kaufman, Mrs. Nathan Lamport, Mrs. Morris Levinson, Mrs. Abraham Levy, Mrs. Samuel Levy, Mrs. Ph. Meyrowitz, Mrs. A. I. Pearlstein, Mrs. Henry Rafsky, Mrs. Harry Roggen, Mrs. G. S. Roth, Mrs. A. M. Stavisky, Mrs. S. F. Stavisky, Mrs. Meyer Vesell, Mrs. Albert Wald, Mrs. Nathan Wilson and Mrs. S. Scharlin.

Other officers: Vice-chairmen, Mrs. Harry Fischel, Mrs. Herbert S. Goldstein, Mrs. Abraham Levy and Mrs. Bernard Revel; treasurer, Mrs. Elias Surut; associate treasurer, Mrs. Jacob Levy; executive secretary, Mrs. Abraham Levitan; associate secretary, Mrs. Leo Seith Furman; recording secretary, Mrs. Samuel Mason.

Executive committee: Mrs. B. Bernstein, Mrs. S. Bernstein, Mrs. H. Dolinsky, Mrs. C. Joshua Epstein, Mrs. Leon Fleischmann, Mrs. E. Frank, Mrs. Samuel Friedman, Mrs. Conrad Glazer, Mrs. Pincus Glickman, Mrs. Louis Gold, Mrs. Joseph Golden, Mrs. Rachel Goldman, Mrs. Mendel Gottesman, Mrs. Leo Jung (whose brother-in-law, Dr. M. Jung, recently married Miss Rivka Levi, of Toronto), Mrs. David Kass, Mrs. L. Katz, Mrs. Samuel Kaufman, Mrs. Philip Klein, Mrs. Nathan Lamport, Mrs. Morris Levinson, Mrs. Al. Levy, Mrs. Lazarus Levy and Mrs. Samuel Levy, Mrs. Philip Meyrowitz, Mrs. A. I. Pearlstein, Mrs. Henry Rafsky, Mrs. Jacob Richman, Mrs. Harry Roggen, Mrs. Louis Rosenberg, Mrs. G. S. Roth, Mrs. S. Scharlin, Mrs. Joseph Spectorsky, Mrs. A. M. Stavisky, Mrs. S. F. Stavisky, Mrs. Meyer Vesell, Mrs. Albert Wald and Mrs. Nathan Wilson.

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